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Ecopetrol Secures COP 1.6 Trillion FEPC Settlement with Colombian Government

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Ecopetrol SA (EC) has issued an announcement.

On March 31, 2026, Colombia’s Hydrocarbons Directorate ordered payment of COP 1.6 trillion from the Fuel Price Stabilization Fund for the first quarter of 2025, allocating COP 1.2 trillion to **Ecopetrol** and COP 0.4 trillion to Refinería de Cartagena. This follows an agreement under which the Colombian government, via the Ministry of Finance, committed to settle the outstanding balance.

Under the pact signed in Bogotá on April 1, 2026, the Nation will make a small cash transfer on April 1, 2026 and a large TES bond payment on December 15, 2026, while recognizing the financial cost of the deferred portion. The arrangement confirms the government’s payment obligation, strengthens **Ecopetrol**’s balance sheet visibility regarding FEPC receivables and underscores ongoing coordination to reduce accumulated fund balances, a key issue for investors and the domestic fuel market.

The most recent analyst rating on **(EC)** stock is a Buy with a \$16.50 price target. To see the full list of analyst forecasts on **Ecopetrol SA** stock, see the [EC Stock Forecast](#) page.

Spark’s Take on EC Stock

According to Spark, TipRanks’ AI Analyst, EC is a Neutral.

The score is anchored by weakening financial momentum (declining revenues/margins, softer ROE, and weaker cash conversion) and moderate leverage, partially offset by constructive price momentum and attractive valuation (low P/E and high dividend yield). Earnings call guidance was disciplined but highlighted meaningful oil-price and regulatory/tax risks.

To see Spark’s full report on EC stock, [click here](#).

More about **Ecopetrol SA**

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Following its acquisition of 51.4% of ISA, **Ecopetrol** expanded into power transmission, real-time system management and road concessions in Colombia. Internationally, it operates exploration and production assets in U.S. basins, Brazil and Mexico, and, through ISA, is a key player in electricity transmission, road infrastructure and telecommunications across Brazil, Chile, Peru and Bolivia.

Average Trading Volume: 3,590,757

Technical Sentiment Signal: Buy

Current Market Cap: \$29.53B

For an in-depth examination of EC stock, go to [TipRanks' Overview page](#).

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The word on The Street in general, suggests a Strong Buy analyst consensus rating for Busy Ming Group Co., Ltd. Class H with a HK\$490.62 average price target.


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