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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March, 2016 Commission File Number 001-34175

Commission File Number 001-34175
ECOPETROL S.A.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
N.A.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)
COLOMBIA
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)
Carrera 13 No. 36 – 24 BOGOTA D.C. – COLOMBIA
(Address of principal executive offices)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.
Form 20-F ⊠ Form 40-F □
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1)
Yes □ No ⊠
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Yes □ No ⊠
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Yes □ No ⊠
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Reficar S.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ecopetrol, Files a Request for Arbitration against CB&I

Ecopetrol S.A. (BVC: ECOPETROL; NYSE: EC) reports that on March 8, 2016, Refinería de Cartagena S.A. ("Reficar"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ecopetrol S.A., filed a Request for Arbitration with the International Chamber of Commerce (the "ICC") against Chicago Bridge & Iron Company N.V., CB&I (UK) Limited, and CBI Colombiana S.A. (collectively, "CB&I") with respect to the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Contract (the "EPC Contract") entered into by and between Reficar and CB&I for the expansion of the Cartagena refinery in Cartagena, Colombia. Reficar is the Claimant in the ICC arbitration proceeding and seeks no less than \$2 billion from CB&I.

Bogota, March 30, 2016

Ecopetrol is the largest company in Colombia and is an integrated oil & gas company; it is among the top 50 oil companies in the world and among the four top ones in Latin America. Besides Colombia - where it generates over 60% of the national production - it has exploration and production activities in Brazil, Peru & the US (Gulf of Mexico). Ecopetrol owns the largest refinery in Colombia and most of the pipeline and multi-product pipeline network in the country, and is significantly increasing its participation in bio-fuels.

This release contains statements that may be considered forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All forward-looking statements, whether made in this release or in future filings or press releases or orally, address matters that involve risks and uncertainties, including in respect of the Company's prospects for growth and its ongoing access to capital to fund the Company's business plan, among others. Consequently, changes in the following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those included in the forward-looking statements: market prices of oil & gas, our exploration and production activities, market conditions, applicable regulations, the exchange rate, the Company's competitiveness and the performance of Colombia's economy and industry, to mention a few. We do not intend, and do not assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Ecopetrol S.A.

By: /s/ María Fernanda Suárez
Name: María Fernanda Suárez
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 30, 2016