

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 303A.11 of the NYSE's Listed Company Manual, the following is a summary of the significant differences between our corporate governance practices and those required for U.S. companies under the NYSE listing standards.

The following discloses the significant differences between our corporate governance practices and the NYSE standards.

NYSE Standards

Our Corporate Governance Practices

Director Independence

The majority of board of directors must be independent. §303A.01. "Controlled companies," which would include Ecopetrol if we were a U.S. issuer, are exempt from this requirement. A controlled company is one in which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group or another company, rather than the public. §303A.00.

Law No. 964/2005 establishes that (i) the board of directors of listed companies must be comprised of a minimum of five directors and a maximum of ten directors and (ii) at least 25% of board members must be independent. Under our corporate governance guidelines, our board of directors must be comprised of nine directors, of which at least three must be independent. As of the date of this annual report, we have five (5) independent directors.

Executive Sessions

The non-management directors of each listed company must meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management. §303A.03.

A comparable rule does not exist under Colombian law. Except for our Audit Committee, our Board of Directors does not meet without management.

Nominating/Corporate Governance and Sustainability Committee

A nominating/corporate governance and sustainability committee composed entirely of independent directors is required. The committee must have a charter specifying the purpose, duties and evaluation procedures of the committee. §303A.04. "Controlled companies" are exempt from these requirements. §303A.00.

Colombian law does not require the establishment of a nominating and corporate governance and sustainability committee composed entirely of independent directors. Pursuant to our bylaws, our corporate governance and sustainability committee and nomination and compensation committee shall be comprised of at least one independent director which acts pursuant to a written charter.

Compensation Committee

A compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors is required, which must evaluate and approve executive officer compensation. The committee must have a charter specifying the purpose, duties and evaluation procedures of the committee. §303A.05. "Controlled companies" are exempt from this requirement. §303A.00.

Colombian law does not require the establishment of a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors. Pursuant to our bylaws, our nomination and compensation committee shall be comprised of at least one independent director which acts pursuant to a written charter.

Audit Committee

An audit committee with a minimum of three independent directors satisfying the independence and other requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and the more stringent requirements under the NYSE standards is required. §303A.06, §303A.07.

According to Law No. 964/2005, Colombian companies that are authorized to issue securities by the Superintendency of Finance must have an audit committee that satisfies the requirements of Law No. 964/2005, including its minimum number of members, independence criteria and audit related duties. Our audit committee is composed by Joaquín Moreno, Amilcar Acosta Medina, Roberto Steiner Sampedro and Luis Carlos Villegas Echeverri, all of whom are independent directors, and the committee meets the requirements of Law No. 964/2005

and Rule 10A 3 under the Exchange Act.

Equity Compensation Plans

Equity compensation plans and all material revisions thereto require shareholder approval, subject to limited exemptions. §§303A.08 and 312.03.

Under Colombian law, no similar right to vote on equity compensation plans and material revisions thereto is given to shareholders. We do not give our shareholders the right to vote on equity compensation plans and material revisions thereto.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

Listed companies must adopt and disclose corporate governance guidelines. §303A.09.

The Superintendency of Finance does recommend the adoption of corporate governance guidelines. However, according to Superintendency of Finance Circular No. 007/2011, the adoption of corporate governance guidelines is voluntary. Listed companies must annually publish a corporate governance survey comparing their corporate governance standards with those recommended by the Superintendency of Finance. Our corporate governance guidelines (Code of Good Corporate Governance) are listed on our website at <http://www.ecopetrol.com.co>.

Code of Ethics for Directors, Officers and Employees

Corporate governance guidelines and a code of business conduct and ethics is required, with disclosure of any waiver for directors or executive officers. The code must contain compliance standards and procedures that will facilitate the effective operation of the code. §303A.10.

We have adopted a code of ethics which complies with applicable U.S. and Colombian law. Our code of ethics applies to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, persons performing similar functions and in general to all the employees, members of the board of directors, suppliers and contractors of Ecopetrol S.A. and its corporate group. Our code of ethics is available on our website at: http://www.ecopetrol.com.co/english/especiales/Ethics_Code2010_English/index_eng.html