

Dear Mr. von Bismark,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my views and position on this important matter.

As you may be aware, I stepped down as CEO of Ecopetrol at the end of March 2023, having joined the company as COO in February 2016. As such, the views I express here are related to the period in which I was part of Ecopetrol.

I must assume that you have already contacted the company directly to ensure that you have access to all the detailed information that's required and so they can address the questions that are specifically for them.

If that's not the case, I invite you to do so.

I categorically reject the claims about the company's behavior during the period when I served as COO and CEO, as these claims lack all the necessary technical rigor and do not consider the official information available within the company.

Ecopetrol has been preparing on an annual basis its scope 1 and 2 GHG inventory and has voluntarily brought third party verification (Aenor and Ruby Canyon Environmental). The information, part of the emissions management system, is disclosed annually under GRI as part of the Sustainability Reports, the DJSI –Dow Jones Sustainability Index and the CDP –Carbon Disclosure Project.

Ecopetrol advanced in direct measurements of emissions, both bottom-up and top-down methodologies. In 2019, we conducted the first dedicated bottom-up upstream campaign to detect and measure fugitive emissions. In 2021, Ecopetrol received technical support from the Canadian government to help methane bottom-up measurements in tank farms. Also in 2021, we carried out the first emissions measurement campaign that covered circa 95% off the assets in Colombia using airplanes.

I personally shared the videos of the GHG sources at some of Ecopetrol's tank farms in the middle Magdalena region (reported by independent observers, civil society and media in 2019) to my management committee. It was a turning point in the conversation about fugitive emissions. The videos helped us make the emissions visible and I remember describing it as a gift. As one of my direct reports said at the meeting, "Felipe, I had never physically seen the emissions in my career". Technology had helped us make emissions visible. I shared this experience at COP26 in a conversation, available on YouTube, with the Environmental Defense Fund. I truly believe we seized the opportunity to strengthen our approach to dealing with fugitive emissions.

The company joined the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) in 2018, the United Nations Environmental Programme led initiative, Methane Initiative Framework (Oil and Gas Methane Partnership, OGMP 2.0) in 2020, and in 2021, rolled out a Fugitive Emissions and Venting Management Strategy that further helped us advance in our goal to reduce emissions. It included things like incorporating design criteria for new facilities

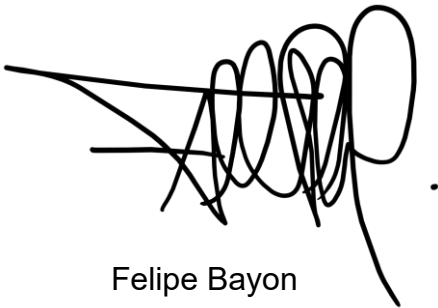
and equipment, an aggressive LDAR program (that helped us close hundreds of leaks) and a constant update of the inventories.

In March 2023, as I was leaving the company, Ecopetrol committed to a 45% reduction of its methane emissions by 2025 and 55% by 2030, compared to the 2019 baseline. That same year, Ecopetrol was given the Gold Standard recognition for the 2023 OGMP 2.0. report, granted to oil & gas companies that have a detailed plan for measurement and reporting of methane emissions and that have achieved a credible level of direct measurements in their journey.

Ecopetrol is listed both in Bolsa de Valores de Colombia and in the NYSE. We reported periodically to both local authorities as well as international ones, such as the SEC.

During the time I served at Ecopetrol, we approached our operations in a safe, ethical and transparent manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Felipe Bayon