

Tecpetrol S.A. announces results for the fourth quarter and for the year ended on December 31, 2021

Summary and analysis of results for the three-month period ended on December 31, 2021

	Fourth quarter 2021	Fourth quarter 2020	%
Production (equivalent Mm ³) (*)	1,570	1,144	37%
Gas (MMm ³)	1,375	1,008	36%
Oil (Mm ³)	195	136	43%
Net sales (ARS millions)	31,787	18,663	70%
Operating costs (ARS millions)	15,896	9,453	68%
Operating profit (ARS millions)	12,207	6,507	88%
EBITDA (ARS millions)	21,112	14,244	48%
Net profit (ARS millions)	23,857	538	4334%

(*) Volumetric equivalence (1,000 m³ of gas = 1 m³ of oil)

The Financial Statements are prepared using the functional currency of the Company (USD) and then are translated into ARS for its presentation. Therefore, the following explanations are based on changes in the functional currency.

Total production for the fourth quarter of 2021 reached 1,570 Mm³, representing an increase of 37% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Net sales increased ARS 13,124 million compared to the same period of the previous year, mainly by an increase in the volumes delivered and an increase in average crude sales prices, all of which was partially offset by a drop in average gas sales prices.

Operating costs increased ARS 6,443 million compared to the fourth quarter of the previous year, said variation is mainly explained by an increase in costs associated with higher production levels (depreciation in property, plant and equipment and royalty expenses, among others) and an increase in maintenance operations and wells service activities, all of which was partially offset by the reversal of the charges for impairment of property, plant and equipment recognized in 2020 in El Tordillo y La Tapera - Puesto Quiroga areas.

Operating profit increased by ARS 5,700 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2020, this variation is explained by an increase in the gross margin abovementioned, by a decrease in selling expenses because of an allowance for doubtful accounts recovery, partially offset by an increase in taxes due to higher production volumes and cost of labor.



Net profit for the fourth quarter of 2021 totaled ARS 23,857 million, compared to a profit of ARS 538 million for the same period of the previous year. This variation is primarily explained by: (i) the aforementioned increase in operating profit, (ii) the decrease in net financial loss, primarily explained by a decrease in interest cost due to fewer borrowings, profits from holding other investments and fewer net losses generated by exchange differences on balances in ARS, all of which was partially offset by a decrease in interest generated by short-term deposits, losses from the repurchase of negotiable obligations and losses generated by derivative financial instruments and, (iii) the variation in income tax expense, caused by the aforementioned fluctuations, the impact caused by the tax inflation adjustment and the modification of the income tax rates in 2021.

Summary and analysis of results for the year ended on December 31, 2021

	12 months 2021	12 months 2020	%
Production (equivalent Mm ³)(*)	5,786	5,085	14%
Gas (MMm ³)	5,147	4,534	14%
Oil (Mm ³)	639	551	16%
Net sales (ARS millions)	115,961	71,540	62%
Operating costs (ARS millions)	60,880	42,806	42%
Operating profit (ARS millions)	47,606	19,017	150%
EBITDA (ARS millions)	81,164	51,352	58%
Net profit (ARS millions)	44,167	3,814	1058%

(*) Volumetric equivalence (1,000 m³ of gas = 1 m³ of oil)

Total production for the year ended on December 31, 2021 reached 5,786 Mm³, represented an increase to 14% in the previous year.

Net sales increased ARS 44,421 million compared to the previous year. The 83% of this variation is due by an increase in dispatched quantities and 17% respond by an increase in average sales prices.

Operating costs increased ARS 18,074 million compared to the previous year, which is mainly explained by an increase in costs associated with higher production levels (mostly depreciation in property, plant and equipment and royalty expenses) and an increase in maintenance operations and wells service activities, all of which was partially offset by the reversal of the charges for impairment of property, plant and equipment recognized in 2020 in El Tordillo y La Tapera - Puesto Quiroga areas.



The increased in operating profit for the 2021 year is mainly explained by an increase in the gross margin abovementioned, by a decrease in selling expenses because of an allowance for doubtful accounts recovery, partially offset by an increase in taxes due to higher production volumes and cost of labor.

Net profit for the year ended on December 31, 2021 totaled ARS 44,167 million, compared to a profit of ARS 3,814 million for the previous year. This variation is primarily explained by: (i) an increase in operating profit, (ii) a decrease in loss generated in net financial profit (loss), which is primarily explained by an increase in interest income generated by short-term deposits, a decrease in interest cost due to fewer borrowings, profits from holding other investments and fewer net losses generated by exchange differences on balances in ARS, all of which was partially offset by losses from derivative financial instruments and losses from the repurchase of negotiable obligations and (iii) an the variation in income tax expense, caused by fluctuations already mentioned, the impact caused by the tax inflation adjustment and the modification of the income tax rates.

Financial Debts

At December 31, 2021, net debt (being Net Debt = Financial Debt - Cash and cash equivalents and Other Investments) totaled ARS 38,530.3 million, decreasing 48% compared to December 31, 2020, that net debt amounted to ARS 73,872.3 million.

Investments

Investments in Property, plant and equipment during the year ended on December 31, 2021, reached ARS 38,461.8 million (ARS 5,858.4 million for the previous year), mainly from Fortín de Piedra area in both years.