

## Tecpetrol S.A. announces results for the three-month period ended on March 31, 2020

Summary and analysis of results for the three-month period ended on March 31, 2020

	3 month 2020	3 month 2019	%
Production (equivalent Mm³)(*)	1,297	1,612	(20%)
Net sales (ARS millions)	16,342.6	13,330.3	23%
Operating profit (ARS millions)	5,060	4,061.6	25%
EBITDA (ARS millions)	11,466.6	9,023.4	27%
Net profit (ARS millions)	2,208.3	2,322.2	(5%)

Total production for the first quarter of 2020 reached 1,297 Mm3, compared to 1,612 Mm3 in the same period of the previous year. The fall in production was mainly caused by the impact of the economic global crisis generated by COVID-19 pandemic.

The variation of the operating profit and EBITDA in the first quarter of 2020 compared to the first quarter of 2019 for ARS 998.4 million and ARS 2,443.2 million respectively, is mainly explained by the exchange rate fluctuation and the decrease in operating costs as a consequence of the abovementioned decrease in production.

Net profit for the first quarter of 2020 totaled ARS 2,208.3 million, compared to a profit of ARS 2,322.2 million for the same period of the previous year. This decrease is mainly explained by the increase in the operating profit and the decrease in exchange differences on balances in ARS, which was partially offset by an increase in the income tax charge due to the implementation of a tax inflation adjustment for the first quarter of 2020.

## Liquidity and cash flows

Investments in Property, plant and equipment during the first three months of 2020, net of unpaid acquisitions at the end of such period, reached ARS 1,185.9 millions, mainly from the Fortín de Piedra area.

At March 31, 2020, net debt (Net Debt = borrowings - cash and cash equivalents) totaled ARS 80,004.4 million. At December 31, 2019, net debt totaled ARS 78,079.3 million. The increase in net debt is mainly due to the exchange rate fluctuation, in spite of having had capital and interest cancellations during the period which were greater than the new borrowings obtained and the issuance of Class 2 and 3 Negotiable Obligations.