



IN THE NAME OF THE QUEEN!

# Court Order

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## THE HAGUE COURT

Civil Law Section – Summary Trial Judge

Judgment dated October 17, 2008  
in the case with application number: KG RK 2008-1740 of:

the company incorporated under the law of the Isle of Man  
**Llanos Oil Exploration Ltd.**,  
having its principal place of business in Bogotá D.C. (Republic of Colombia),  
the Petitioner,  
Attorney F.H.J. van Schoonhoven, Esq., in Amsterdam,

Vs.

1. the company incorporated under the law of Colombia, called **Ecopetrol S.A.**,  
having its principal place of business in Bogotá D.C. (Republic of Colombia),  
2. **the Republic of Colombia**,  
domiciled in Bogotá D.C. (Republic of Colombia),  
the Respondents.

In view of the petition dated October 17, 2008 and having heard the attorney of Petitioner, the Summary Trial Judge will refuse the leave requested against the Republic of Colombia. For all other aspects, the petition will be granted.

### 1. The Grounds for the Judgment

Regarding the real property – more specifically an official residence with appurtenances – which are owned by the Republic of Colombia, it is considered that in general these must be deemed as goods with a public purpose, which pursuant to Article 703 of the Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) are not subject to foreclosure. Petitioner stated insufficient facts to justify the non-applicability of this rule. In addition, the attachment by garnishment against the Republic of Colombia fails on the ground of Article 703 CCP, now that it is likely that the moneys these third parties (mostly banks) may have for the Republic of Colombia, are intended for public works.

### 2. The Judgment

The Summary Trial Judge:

- refuses the leave against the Republic of Colombia;
- allows what was requested against Ecopetrol S.A., on the understanding that the request for enforcement will be dismissed at any time, as it is insufficiently motivated;



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- provisionally estimates the claim at €7,000,000,000.00 (seven billion Euros);
  - establishes that the claim in the principal action be brought within 6 (six) months after the first attachment.

This judgment was rendered by H.F.M. Hofhuis, Esq., and pronounced in open court on October 17, 2008.

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