

## **FITCH RATINGS DOWNGRADES PETROPERÚ'S LONG-TERM FOREIGN, LOCAL CURRENCY ISSUER DEFAULT RATING AND SENIOR UNSECURED NOTES TO 'BBB-' FROM 'BBB'**

**Lima, Peru, march 10, 2022 –** **Petróleos del Perú S.A. "Petroperú" or "the Company" (OTC:PETRPE)** announces that Fitch Ratings has downgraded Petroperú's Long-Term Foreign and Local Currency Issuer Default Ratings (IDR) to 'BBB-' from 'BBB'. Fitch has also downgraded Petroperú's senior unsecured notes to 'BBB-' from 'BBB'. The IDRs and notes have been placed on Rating Watch Negative (RWN). Fitch Ratings points out that its revision and RWN reflect, among others, the company's lack of financial transparency due to the significant delay in the company's 2021 year-end financial audit.

Petroperú is respectful of Fitch's rating methodology, however, it expresses its serious discomfort with Fitch's statement that there has been a lack of financial transparency in Petroperú. This discomfort reflects the fact that Petroperú is a company that although it doesn't trade, it has had its shares listed in the Lima Stock Exchange (BVL) for over 10 years. As such, it is obliged to provide financial information on a timely and transparent basis. In addition, it adheres to the information transparency principles of Corporate Governance and complies with its Transparency Policy which was designed under the framework of the Transparency Law (law No 27806).

Furthermore, the delay in the company's 2021 year-end financial audit, that triggered the downgrade, does not respond to any action of the current management of Petroperú. The selection and retention of Petroperú's auditor is by law handled by the Comptroller General of the Republic.

The press release issued by Fitch can be found at:

<https://www.fitchratings.com/research/corporate-finance/fitch-downgrades-petroperu-to-bbb-ratings-placed-on-negative-watch-08-03-2022>

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### **About Petroperú**

*Established in 1981 as a Public Limited Company pursuant with Legislative Decree No 43 (founded in 1969), Petroperú is the largest hydrocarbon corporate entity in Peru in terms of total sales and the largest enterprise of the Peruvian sovereign (100% owned by Peru). It is also Peru's second largest refiner in terms of refining volume capacity and form a critical part of the country's energy infrastructure and economy. It has the largest distribution network for crude oil and refined products in the country, and it is the sole provider of refined products to certain areas of Peru. It is also the owner and operator of Peru's main oil pipeline, the "Nor Peruano Pipeline", which links the crude oil production fields in the northern rainforest of Peru with our facilities in the Port Bayovar near our Talara Refinery. Their business is comprised primarily of midstream and downstream petroleum activities, including: the refining and blending of crude and intermediate hydrocarbon products, the distribution and sale of refined products through our wholesale distributors and associated retail service stations and direct sales, the transportation of crude through the Nor Peruano Pipeline, and the leasing of certain of our facilities to third parties.*