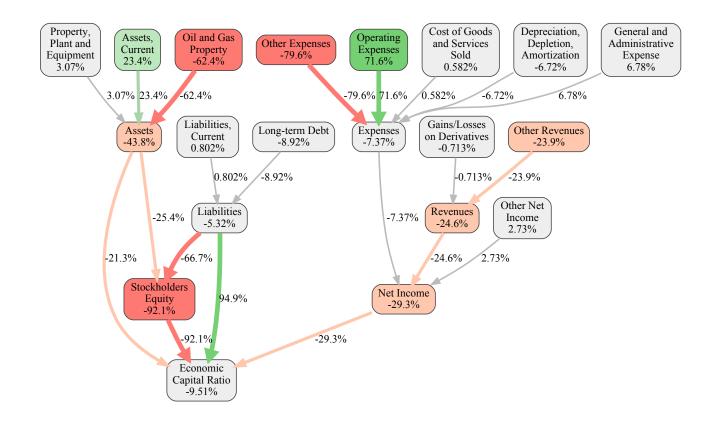


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The relative strengths and weaknesses of Gastar Exploration Inc. are analyzed with respect to the market average, including all of its competitors. We analyzed all variables having an effect on the Economic Capital Ratio.

The greatest strength of Gastar Exploration Inc. compared to the market average is the variable Operating Expenses, increasing the Economic Capital Ratio by 72% points. The greatest weakness of Gastar Exploration Inc. is the variable Other Expenses, reducing the Economic Capital Ratio by 80% points.

The company's Economic Capital Ratio, given in the ranking table, is -189%, being 9.5% points below the market average of -180%.

Input Variable	Value in 1000 USD
Assets, Current	105,379
Cost of Goods and Services Sold	0
Deferred Tax Liab., Net	0
Depreciation, Depletion, Amortization	29,673
Gains/Losses on Derivatives	-2,863
General and Administrative Expense	19,445
Liabilities, Current	29,734
Long-term Debt	409,936
Oil and Gas Property	0
Operating Expenses	0
Other Assets	2,821
Other Compr. Net Income	0
Other Expenses	96,320
Other Liabilities	969
Other Net Income	31
Other Revenues	61,117
Property, Plant and Equipment	192,004
Revenue from Contract with Customer	0
Taxes	1,908

Output Variable	Value in 1000 USD
Liabilities	440,639
Assets	300,204
Revenues	58,254
Expenses	147,346
Stockholders Equity	-140,435
Net Income	-89,061
Comprehensive Net Income	-89,061
Economic Capital Ratio	-189%