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Press Release:

NBG Pangaea REIC: Presentation of the Annual Responsibility Program

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“Structures of Responsibility”

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NBG Pangaea REIC presented today its Corporate Responsibility program, entitled **“Structures of Responsibility”**, at a press conference held at the Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens.

It is a comprehensive program that is already being implemented in collaboration with internationally recognized and local organizations as factual proof of solidarity and responsibility to address key social problems.

During this first phase emphasis is given to essential contribution towards the management of the refugee crisis and the strengthening of the next generation.

Specifically, NBG Pangaea:

- Has already completed the refurbishment of the local Community Hall in Idomeni, the village of 100 inhabitants that was called to manage a mass flow and accommodation of c. 15,000 refugees and immigrants.
- Will provide the means for the acquisition and equipment of a mobile medical unit – specifically designed to support the work of Médecins Sans Frontières in Greece and especially in the management of the refugee crisis.
- Supports the establishment and operation of a center that will house unaccompanied minors of refugees in Greece, in collaboration with Médecins du Monde - Greece.
- Will renew, modernize and upgrade the laboratories of the Professional High School (EPA.L.) of Sidirokatro, Northern Greece.
- Will upgrade of the nursery school located in Nikopoleos street, Athens in order for it to provide education to children with special needs. This upgrade will substantially contribute to the decongestion of existing structures.

The program will continue with actions supporting structures in relation to vulnerable groups in remote areas in Greece as well as in the Municipality of Athens.

At the press conference the CEO of the company presented in detail the philosophy and the actions of the Corporate Responsibility program. Mr. Aristotelis Karytinis stated that "the objective of this first program is to help as we can, within this difficult economic environment, organizations such as Médecins du Monde and Médecins

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Sans Frontières that have contributed and still contribute altruistically in addressing the refugee crisis. We also want to meet specific needs for improvement in infrastructure and operation of bodies located in border regions. It is a program with measurable goals and concrete results, exactly like our approach in managing our company.

We have selected the improvement of infrastructure and operational upgrade of social structures as the field of action of our corporate responsibility, using our experience and expertise, aiming towards substantial social contribution".

Mr. Karytinios concluded by saying: "We do not seek either to substitute the state or to fill in the gaps. We do what we consider right towards the society. Our work is the development and exploitation of real estate. We have a portfolio of 322 properties worth of c. €1.5 bn. We aim high, we achieve our goals yet we are sensitive to the needs of the society".

Mrs. Xanthoula Soupli, the head of the community council of Idomeni, warmly thanked NBG Pangaea for the important contribution, also stressing the need to strengthen a community that has been an international symbol of the refugee problem.

The chairman of Médecins du Monde - Greece, Mr. Nikitas Kanakis, highlighted the importance of the tangible support of NBG Pangaea to NGOs that have undertaken a large part of the humanitarian crisis.

Dr. Apostolos Veizis, head of programs of Médecins Sans Frontières of Greece, congratulated NBG Pangaea for its initiative and underlined the importance of the principles of corporate responsibility to materialize into real and vital help for those in need.

The deputy principal of EPA.L of Sidirokastro, Mr Ypatios Symeonidis, thanked the company for its support so that the students in the remote areas in Greece have full and equal access to educational resources.

Finally, the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Athens responsible for children affairs, Mrs Maria Iliopoulou, referred to the planned contribution of NBG Pangaea for the reconstruction of a nursery school located in Nikopoleos street, Athens and wished this program to be the beginning of a creative collaboration with the Municipality of Athens.

More details about the action program "Structures of Responsibility" can be found on the website of the NBG Pangaea, www.nbgpangaea.gr, under the section "Corporate Social Responsibility".

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