

PRESS RELEASE

«Capital Link CSR Leadership Awards»

HONORARY DISTINCTION TO MESSRS.
Nikos Mouyiaris, Founder & CEO of Mana Products, Inc
&
Gregorios Stergioulis, CEO of Hellenic Petroleum

On Monday, June 27th, 2016, at the conclusion of the 6th Annual Capital Link CSR in Greece forum, the International "2016 Capital Link CSR Leadership Award" was presented to Mr. Nikos Mouyiaris, Founder & CEO of Mana Products Inc and the Greek "2016 Capital Link CSR Leadership Award" was presented to Mr. Gregorios Stergioulis, CEO of Hellenic Petroleum.

International "2016 Capital Link CSR Leadership Award"  [Audio](#)

Mr. Nikos Mouyiaris, Founder & CEO of Mana Products Inc, received the award from Mr. Dimitris Mardas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs as a small tribute and acknowledgement for the tremendous support and philanthropy he is offering to Greece, Cyprus and the Greek diaspora.

During his acceptance speech Mr. Mouyiaris stated: "I believe that it is not the right time to make any investments in Greece right now! We should all focus on the competitive advantages of the Greek economy and concentrate on the existing business sectors such as the high-tech sector, agricultural products as well as tourism, if we want to make the economy thrive. We are willing to assist young people become entrepreneurs and start their own business, therefore break the bonds between state-provided jobs and businesses. It is worth noting that small businesses worldwide provide 75% of the employment. It is our obligation to teach young kids how to become entrepreneurs and leaders, which is what Greece lacks most! Me and my fellow Greek-American businessmen are willing to provide guidance, advice and money and help Greece rise immediately! Greece can benefit from the expansion of existing businesses such as oil exports, honey and wine production, as well as tourism. The income generated from these activities will boost the economy and act as an incentive for tax reductions. Brexit in my opinion will not affect Greece directly, except maybe for the tourism sector. However, we ought to look into the root cause of the rise of extreme parties in Europe and explore these tendencies. If we encourage young people to start new businesses, we will get rid of the menace over Europe."



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Deputy Minister Mr. Mardas in his brief remarks stated that "It will take from 6 to 8 months to approve the investment and business plans. We aim to stamp a bureaucracy that borders on perversion. We are interested to open a new door to the future, having with us expatriates who do not stop to help us and put their money in the country."

Greek "2016 Capital Link CSR Leadership Award"  [Audio](#)

Mr. Gregorios Stergioulis, CEO of Hellenic Petroleum as recognition of HELPE's various social contribution received the award from Mr. George Patoulis, Mayor of Amaroussion, President of Central Union of Municipalities of Greece, & President of the Medical Association of Athens.

Mr. Stergioulis referred to the Corporate Social Responsibility program implemented by the HELPE Group, reaching € 3,6 million in total. The HELPE program puts emphasis:

- On the humanitarian and the refugees crisis
- In alleviating the suffering of the people,
- On unemployed and deprived persons,
- In strengthening local communities, regional and local government authorities, churches and organizations and NGO's and finally
- On programs that support education and programs related to youth employment.

Mr. Stergioulis concluded that "Within the economic crisis that we are experiencing, we decided to restrict the operating costs, to revise our investment projects, to cut down everything unnecessary. We never even contemplated restricting our

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offer and contribution to the society as in these difficult times healthy and socially responsible companies have the obligation to take the lead and to help raising crisis effects”.



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Mr. George Patoulis, Mayor of Amaroussion, President of the Medical Association of Athens and President of Central Union of Municipalities of Greece, underlined the importance of the Greek diaspora contributions in the national effort for restoration. In his address, he outlined the benefits of the twinning of the Athens Medical Association with the Hellenic Medical Society of New York, through a relevant cooperation agreement, noting that “an innovative operational framework is aiming to unite the great power of the Greek Diaspora”. In particular, one of the twinning objectives is to support the Clinic for Social Mission, created by the Athens Medical Association, as well as the NGO «Apostoli» which was created by the Archdiocese of Athens, Mr. Patoulis emphasized. In the Clinic, thousands of fellow citizens in need, who have been hit by the economic crisis, have found shelter.

A video presentation was made, promoting the action of the Clinic for Social Mission, as a result of the powerful alliance among the Athens Medical Association and the Archdiocese of Athens with the NGO “Apostoli” and its important contribution to the vulnerable social groups, throughout the country.

Mr. Patoulis noted that through Twinning we have achieved:

- The promotion of Health matters to the residents in the border islands and near the mountainous areas of Greece, which have been utterly abandoned by the state.
- The provision of medical care to uninsured citizens. Over 2.000.000 Greeks have lost their insurance coverage and have been left without medical care.
- The ability of young doctors to specialize and to promote further their training in America.
- The provision of pharmaceuticals and consumable materials to Social Clinics and Pharmacies of the country.
- Voluntary participation of the Greek Diaspora Doctors in the country’s Social Clinics
- Taking up action for facing the problems of Hellenism in close cooperation with other sectors of the Greek Diaspora.

Mr. Patoulis in his speech spoke of a “two way transatlantic relationship of mutual support and sincere cooperation” and focused on the fact that, through this precise cooperation, the Greek doctors are supported by travelling to America either to receive further training or to seek career opportunities, due to the fact that it is impossible to survive in Greece. Moreover, Dr. Patoulis highlighted the need to establish a strong Diaspora intervention institution in the heart of the decision-making centers, in the economy, or in politics or anywhere else, underlying the “dramatic underfunding of the health system, with tragic effects on the health status of the Greek people” due to the economic memorandums and financial crisis, Mr. Patoulis concluded that “strengthening of relations between the Greek Diaspora and the Greek people provides a perspective and hope for a better future in our country”.

Mrs. Olga Gerovasili, Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister & Government Spokeswoman, represented the Prime Minister of Greece Mr. Alexis Tsipras. Mrs Gerovasili stated that “in a period of historic political developments in Europe and in a geographical area where instability shows its presence, Greece is a fundamental pillar of security and stability». The Government Spokeswoman mentioned that Government’s obligation is to develop a safe and transparent environment with equal opportunities, free of distortions. “We are now ready to facilitate the monitoring of development policies. Greece is on the dawn of a new period of confidence, financial security and investment perspective, she said. Mrs Gerovasili noted that with the recent successful completion of the first evaluation, we have succeeded in ensuring the economic stability and the social cohesion, two fundamental conditions in order to create a safe investment environment.” The Government spokesperson emphasized that a new path is opening for investment activities in several sectors today, in which our Country presents significant opportunities -especially in hi-tech application sectors, in energy, in tourism and in infrastructure. Sectors which pose high potential opportunities for investors, both large and small and of course for our Greek Diaspora entrepreneurs who have be proven greatest source of assistance for our Country in this difficult period of the Greek history. We are ready to implement the development policies. The relevant bill has already been ratified by the Greek parliament and at the same time the exploitation of the financing sources is progressing rapidly (for example NSRF, Juncker). For Greece, in this very critical time for its future, the role of healthy entrepreneurship is an absolutely crucial matter. At the same time, Greek Diaspora’s role it is similarly important as it works as a multiplier effect for attracting funds and investments. Our Ambassadors abroad should become a network for a new reality in Greek economy. The Greek Government has chosen the right path. The Government spokeswoman added that the government has chosen the path of



equitable development in order to enhance competitiveness and not the path of labor crash. “This is the reason why we are pursuing a healthy environment, in which the productive and responsible businesses will be rewarded”.



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With its headquarters in New York and presence in London, in Athens and in Oslo, Capital Link (www.capitallink.com) has been active since 1995 in the field of Investor Relations and Financial Communication.

It also organizes annually in New York, London, Athens and Shanghai a series of Investment Forums focusing on its main activity fields (www.capitallinkforum.com).

Capital Link has a leading position globally in the area of Investor Relations with respect to shipping, as it cooperates with 25 shipping companies listed on the two US Stock Exchanges, as well as in London (LSE and AIM) and Milan. It also maintains a shipping portal with information on all UK and US Listed shipping Companies (www.capitallinkshipping.com).

Since January 2011, Capital Link has expanded its activities in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility by creating an integrated and effective platform combining expertise and communication, with corporate social responsibility issues in all three countries where it operates. (www.csringreece.com)

Capital Link's efforts have been recognized by the 2011 Greek Shipping Lloyds Awards and in 2012 & in 2013 by the Intercontinental Finance Magazine in London. Mr. Nicolas Bornozi has been personally honored for his relentless, efficient and highly effective efforts to promote Greece and Greek Shipping abroad and among the international investment community by the International Propeller Club of the United States and the [AHI-American Hellenic Institute](#).

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