## **PRESS RELEASE**

## HYGEIA S.A.: CONCLUSION OF A STRATEGIC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH MITERA S.A.

It is hereby announced that the Management of HYGEIA S.A. has decided to conclude a strategic collaboration agreement with the management of MITERA S.A.

A Joint Work Committee, comprised of representatives of both companies, shall be established to examine and study the areas and sectors on which the companies' strategic collaboration may focus and shall submit proposals to the Board of Directors of each company, the latter of which, of course, have the exclusive authority to adopt or reject these proposals.

The main areas on which the Committee's tasks will focus are the following:

- Locating areas of administrative, technical or support interest in which joint actions may create effective synergies and achieve economies of scale, with the primary aim of minimizing costs and, consequently, maximizing the financial return of the two companies.
- 2. Establishing a direct collaboration between the contracting physicians of MITERA S.A. and the Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre and inversely.
- Accommodating patients within the premises of MITERA when the capacities of the Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre for ordinary hospitalisation, of the Centre's Intensive Care Unit, etc. have been exceeded and inversely.
- 4. Covering clients of HYGEIA S.A. concerning paediatric incidents by the Paediatric Clinic of MITERA.
- 5. Covering clients of MITERA S.A. in diagnostic sectors that do not presently exist, e.g. y-Knife, etc., at the Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.

The competencies of the Joint Work Committee shall be clearly introductory and the final decision of whether or not these proposals shall be adopted or rejected shall rest with the Boards of Directors, while any collaboration between the two companies shall not infringe their legal and administrative independence.

HYGEIA S.A. requested that MITERA S.A. be represented on its Board of Directors with one member who shall monitor the manner by which it operates in order to create a climate of productive collaboration and trust that will help the two companies converge on an organisational level.

Subsequently, and only after the companies' collaboration has been successfully tested in practice and is proved to be mutually beneficial for both companies, the Committee shall prepare a business plan and study all details for the possible merger of the two companies.

The reason that led the Management of HYGEIA S.A. to consider the conclusion of a strategic collaboration agreement with MITERA S.A. particularly significant, apart from the evident synergies that are expected to arise due to the fact that the two clinics neighbour each other, is its conviction that the strategic goals of the two clinics are absolutely aligned and complement each other under conditions of increased competition and significant challenges, which it believes will maximise the company's return and strengthen the assets of its shareholders.

Finally, HYGEIA S.A. would like to announce that, within the framework of its significant strategic alliance, its Management may proceed, following a relative recommendation of the Board of Directors of MITERA S.A., in purchasing the shares of any shareholder of MITERA S.A. who wishes to sell his shares.