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PRESS RELEASE

- **Consolidated profits for the 1st semester of 2006 amounted to 812.1 thousand Euros**
- **Increase of 254% in comparison to the 1st semester of 2005**
- **Dynamic expansion of activities**

The activities of the **Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre Hygeia** Group of Companies of the 1st semester of 2006 were deemed particularly satisfactory. The extensive restructure of the Group's operating model, which was initiated in the 2nd quarter of 2006, has set the Group along a new path that shall allow it dynamically expand its activities.

Specifically, the Group's turnover during the 1st semester of 2006 increased by 6.2%, amounting to 47.6 million Euros, in comparison to a turnover of 44.8 million Euros that the Group recorded during the corresponding period of 2005. During the 2nd quarter of 2006 the Group increased its turnover by 10%, amounting to 24.2 million Euros, in comparison to a turnover of 22.0 million Euros that the Group recorded during the corresponding period of 2005.

As a result of this considerable increase in its turnover, the Group achieved a significant operating return. The Group's profits after taxes and minority rights during the 1st semester of 2006 amounted to 812.1 million Euros, thus recording a considerable increase of 254% in comparison to profits after taxes of an amount of 229.5 million Euros that the Group recorded during the corresponding period of 2005, while during the 2nd quarter of 2006 the Group's profits after taxes and minority rights amounted to 213.9 thousand Euros in comparison to a loss of 297.9 thousand Euros that it recorded during the 2nd quarter of 2005.

Indicative of this new trend is the fact that the gross profit margin has already reached 8.6%, recording an increase of 13% in relation to the corresponding period of 2005 during which the gross profit margin was 7.6%

Concurrently, the Group's total assets increased by 48%, amounting to 194.5 million Euros up from an amount of 131.3 million Euros that was recorded on 31 December 2005.

The significantly improved financial results of the 1st semester of 2006 reflect the Group's effort to increase its client base, provide new products and services and restrict the rate of increase of costs.

The Group, implementing the new business plan that was presented during the General Meeting of the shareholders, has already set itself along a new path that shall allow it dynamically expand its activities. The Group's management believes that the positive results arising from the plan's implementation shall increase in the next period.