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PRESS RELEASE

HYGEIA S.A.: AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 25.83% OF MITERA S.A.

The Management of HYGEIA S.A. would like to hereby announce that it has concluded share purchase agreements pursuant to which it shall acquire 25.83% of the shares of MITERA S.A. against a total consideration of approximately 66 million Euros. These agreements were concluded following the recommendation of the Board of Directors of MITERA S.A. within the framework of the strategic alliance that was announced on 24 March. HYGEIA S.A. intends to implement this strategic alliance as it has been announced and to maintain the character of MITERA as a *doctors' hospital*.

HYGEIA S.A. aspires to provide a wide range and high-quality services with the incorporation of a large and healthy group of companies that shall be active in the private health sector through absolutely consenting procedures and the approval and support of the physicians of all participating companies.