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Press Release

HYGEIA Group: Thank you for making us proud!

HYGEIA Group, proud sponsor of the Greek Paralympic Team in London, warmly congratulated the Greek Paralympic athletes for their excellent performances and the distinctions they achieved for their country.

The 7 athletes sponsored by HYGEIA Group collected four medals, including the only Greek gold medal.

Specifically, in the mixed pairs BC3 boccia event, the Greek team, which included **Nikos Pananos**, made it to the highest step of the podium, after winning the first and only gold medal for Greece in these Games. **Paschalis Stathelakos** received two medals, the silver in the discus throw and the bronze in the shot put event, while **Pavlos Mamalos** collected a bronze medal for Greece in the 90 kg powerlifting event. **Antonis Tsapatakis** was an inch away from a medal, finishing fourth in the 100m breaststroke event (swimming), while **Che Jon Fernandez** was ranked sixth in the men's shot put event. Lastly, athletes **Paraskevi Kantza** (athletics) and **Panagiotis Triantafyllou** (wheelchair fencing) finished in eighth place in the long jump and the individual sabre event respectively.

Apart from sponsoring these 7 athletes individually, HYGEIA Group had also undertaken all the medical/lab tests and other exams for all the Team's athletes, as well as offered financial support for sporting equipment.

In statements she made, HYGEIA Group's CEO, Ms Areti Souvatzoglou noted, "The Greek Paralympic Team once again rose to the challenge, superbly showcasing the messages and values of the Olympic Ideal, while making yet again all Greeks proud. Above all, though, these athletes constitute the best example of what willpower, strength and effort really mean, giving us the best life lesson in these difficult times we are experiencing: the strength of the human soul can overcome all obstacles. For that, we thank them for making us proud."