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Press Release

- HYGEIA a capable “health ambassador” of Greece in Europe**
- One of the most sophisticated operating rooms in Europe inaugurated**
- A 3% increase in Hygeia Group Jobs announced**

HYGEIA Hospital is among the leaders in medical technology worldwide, after the inauguration of its Latest Generation Multidisciplinary Hybrid Operating Room, the first one of its kind in Greece.

It covers an area of 87 square meters and is equipped with the most advanced imaging and medical equipment. It is suitable for complex surgical procedures, which are performed with utmost patient safety, speed and reliability. Endovascular and open surgical procedures of the entire cardiovascular system can be performed simultaneously on the same patient by all surgical or interventional specialties (vascular surgery, interventional cardiology, cardiac surgery, neurosurgery, interventional radiology). Minimally invasive procedures can also be performed by a variety of other specialties (orthopedic surgery, general and trauma surgery, urology).

The Hybrid Operating Room, one of the most sophisticated ORs in Europe, was inaugurated by the Greek Health Minister, Mr Andreas Lykourantzou. Guests included the Mayor of Maroussi and President of the Athens Medical Association, Mr Georgios Patoulis.

Dr. Stavros Kalliafas, Director of the 1st Vascular Surgery Department of HYGEIA Hospital noted, “In recent years, due to the tremendous advances in medical technology, there is a growing number of complex endovascular procedures performed. On many occasions, there is a need for combined endovascular and open procedures or for conversion of an endovascular procedure to an open one. This is why hybrid operating rooms were created. HYGEIA Hospital’s Hybrid Operating Room is known as the ‘Last Generation Multidisciplinary Hybrid Operating Room’. Its innovative design and state-of-the-art technology allow the simultaneous performance of the most advanced endovascular and open surgical procedures of the entire cardiovascular system.”

In his speech during the inauguration, the Chairman of MIG and HYGEIA Group, Mr Andreas Vgenopoulos, stated, “HYGEIA has once again proven that it is one of Greece’s most capable ambassadors in Europe and remains at the frontline with its efforts to boost the competitiveness of the Greek economy in the European market. These efforts demonstrate that we are continuing our investment program so as to safeguard the high level of our services and employment opportunities. Owing to the significant investments carried out over the last few years, HYGEIA Group is among the leading healthcare institutions in Europe. This is the main reason why, despite the economic crisis, jobs within the Group have increased by 3%. We are continuing this major effort along with our employees, nursing and medical staff. The Group's hospitals constitute a fine sample of a Greek company that successfully rises before the European competition. We are following on the footsteps of the European market with our investments in state-of-the-art technology and top quality services, as well as our sense of compassion towards people and society.”