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Press Release

HYGEIA: European Employer of the Year *European Business Awards 2012/13*

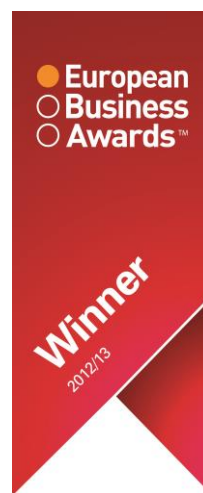
HYGEIA Hospital received the “Employer of the Year Award” in the prestigious European Business Awards 2012/13 finals and has been recognized as the leading employer in Europe.

After receiving the “National Finalist” and “National Champion” titles, HYGEIA Hospital reached the finals, where it represented Greece as one of the 10 leading employers in Europe. In the previous rounds of the competition it was also ranked among the Ruban D’Honneur recipients, being recognized as one of the 100 leading European businesses distinguished for their innovation, sustainability and dedication to the principles of corporate governance.

The winners of the 10 European Business Awards 2012/13 categories were announced during a prestigious event held in Istanbul on Thursday June 6, 2013. The companies were evaluated by an international panel of judges of the European Business Awards, which included 150 distinguished individuals of the European business and academic world. More than 15,000 companies from 27 countries throughout Europe participated in this year’s awards.

HYGEIA Group’s CEO, Ms Areti Souvatzoglou, issued the following statement: “This leading distinction constitutes a tremendous honor for us and for our country, since we have managed to showcase Greece in Europe, and particularly in the areas of employment relations and work environment, which are being tried and tested in these tough times. Our employees are the heart and soul of your business activities. The three-fold recipe for our success lies in the fact that we have maintained – and actually increased – jobs, we offer additional benefits (financial and other) and we recognize the contribution of our employees. We are proud to have been worthy representatives for Greece and to have showcased Greek entrepreneurship in Europe.”

Hygeia and Marfin Investment Group (MIG) Chairman, Mr. Andreas Vgenopoulos made the following statement: “We are extremely proud of the international recognition received via the European Business Awards as European Employer of the year 2012/2013 for our healthcare group subsidiary Hygeia. Within an extremely challenging environment and amidst adverse economic conditions, it is very gratifying that a Greek corporate has excelled amongst tough competition and the efforts of management and all our people have been recognized. We continue to invest in our people, cutting edge technology and infrastructure which have



manifested Hygeia group as a leading provider of healthcare services internationally and has established it as an invaluable and integral part of MIG's portfolio of activities".

The **European Business Awards** (www.businessawardseurope.com) were organized for the 6th year running and are widely recognized as forming the stage for the most powerful companies in Europe. They aim at highlighting the progress of companies that are distinguished for their innovation and for achieving the best possible business results, while at the same time, taking responsible action and having a positive influence on the social environment in which they operate. To date, the contest has brought to the limelight some of the most prestigious companies in Europe, based on their ability to apply three main principles: innovation, corporate superiority and sustainability.

About the European Business Awards:

The European Business Awards, the most renowned and significant business awards program in Europe, recognize and reward excellence, best practice and innovation in companies across the European Union.

The competition is free to enter and open to organizations of all sizes and from any industry sector.

The European Business Awards program serves three purposes for the European business community:

- *It provides examples for the business community to aspire to*
- *It celebrates and endorses individuals' and organizations' successes*
- *It provides case studies and content for learning from these exceptional organizations.*

An innovative, strong and thriving business community makes a successful and prosperous Europe.