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PRESS RELEASE

HYGEIA S.A., through recent announcements and actions, informed the public of its intention and aspiration to implement a plan that shall create strategic alliances with other organisations. The first significant achievement of this plan was the conclusion of an agreement with MITERA S.A. HYGEIA S.A. believes that this agreement shall soon expand and include other organisations, thus, allowing the company, through a joint action plan, to improve the results of its efforts, to achieve economies of scale and to broaden both its social role and the social role of its associate companies.

The social contribution and social role of HYGEIA S.A. play a significant part in the plan of the company's new Management and raising the standards of this role is a main strategic goal.

Inconsequential but symbolic evidence of this pursuit is the fact that, tomorrow, 7 April 2006, a date that has been established as World Health Day by the World Health Organisation, HYGEIA S.A. shall provide to any person who wishes to visit the outpatient department of the Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre a free examination. Any laboratory examinations that are deemed necessary and that must be conducted at the Central Laboratories shall also be provided free of charge.

HYGEIA S.A. shall continue to increase its participation in the activities that are held each year on this day. The company's social contribution is not restricted solely to these examinations. HYGEIA S.A. shall soon be in a position to announce broader initiatives for which it hopes to find many supporters.

EVENTS OF THE WORLD HEALTH DAY

The view of the physicians of HYGEIA S.A. on the day dedicated to health was expressed by the Chairman of the Scientific Council, Mr Vasileios Seitanides.

The World Health Organisation has established 7 April as World Health Day. What exactly is the purpose of establishing a world health day? Health is something that we all appreciate and that we all seek, pursue and want as a primary good.

Nevertheless.

Health is the good whose impact on the happiness of people cannot be measured, the good that is disparaged, the good that is taken for granted, the good that is ignored by the pace and trends of modern life. The lack of respect that we show to our bodies and the abuse that it takes leads two main illnesses (cardiovascular diseases and cancer) with immeasurable consequences on both our families and national prosperity, 50% of the cases of which are self-inflicted.

A sedentary lifestyle, consumption of animal fat and substances and smoking systematically undermine our health every day, without of course considering the incredible sorrow inflicted by and the general consequences of traffic accidents.

The physicians of HYGEIA S.A., officers and servants of health, who experience everyday the pain, stress and sorrow inflicted by the loss of one's health, shall voluntarily offer, symbolically and solely tomorrow, the day on which health is celebrated, their services to any person who needs and wants to be examined.