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THE INTERNATIONAL PROPELLER CLUB, PORT OF PIRAEUS RECOGNIZES NICOLAS BORNOZIS OF CAPITAL LINK FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION IN STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE & THE UNITED STATES IN THE MARITIME FIELD



Athens, February 25, 2016 - At a full house at the Yacht Club of Greece, Capital Link's President, Mr. Nicolas Bornozis received the "1st Propeller Club of Piraeus Members Award" during the first Members' Day Meeting for 2016 on Thursday, February 18th, 2016.

This award recognizes **Mr. Bornozis'** contribution, at the helm of Capital Link, in strengthening the bilateral relations between Greece and the United States of America in the Maritime Field and for his efforts to raise the profile of shipping in the investment community and to a wider audience around the world.

Accepting the Award **Nicolas Bornozis** mentioned: "We are humbled and proud to receive this prestigious Award, which further recognizes and validates our efforts and commitment to the industry and to our clients. Capital Link is privileged to have become the "goto" destination for information and insight on shipping and the maritime sector, serving as an effective link between public and private sector investment and financial companies, the community, and trade and financial media.



While we maintain our focus on the individual needs and objectives of each client, we also look to the industry as a whole as we seek to raise awareness to a wider audience about shipping and the maritime sector highlighting their vital and enduring role in the global economy and trade. Given the challenging market conditions at present, we believe that our mission and role is even more significant. This Award motivates us to continue and reinforce our efforts."

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Mr. George Xiradakis, President of the International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus stated: "Nicolas has played a pivotal role educating investors about the maritime sector and helping shipping companies navigate through Wall Street. For over a decade now shipping companies, Greek and non-Greek, have benefited from Nicolas' efforts to build a platform that reaches out to a large and diversified investor audience in the United States and beyond. Shipping is a capital intensive business and the changing landscape in global finance is having a transformational effect on shipping. It has been changing from a private family owned business to a more open corporate structure with a diversified shareholder base. The US markets have become the preferred capital raising destination for shipping companies from all over the world and Nicolas has played a major role bringing together the US and the Greek shipping community."

Two days before, Capital Link held in Athens with great success its 7th Annual Greek Shipping Forum with record attendance. This forum, recognized as a premiere maritime event in Athens, brings to Athens senior executives and experts from Wall Street, law firms, commercial and investment banks and global industry participants to interact with the Greek Shipping Community.

th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum "Opportunities & Challenges" Tuesday, February 16, 2016 - Athens, Greece

About International Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus:

International Propeller Club of the United States was founded in N. York in 1922, has now 8.000 members in 52 cities and 4 Student Clubs globally. Propeller Club (Port of Piraeus), founded in 1935, is a non-profit charity Association, collectively controlled in Greece by sixteen (16) Greek volunteer Governors, elected every two years. The Club's net income is fully distributed in charities with fairness and transparency. The Club closely cooperates with the Union of Greek Shipowners, the International Chamber of Shipping, the Hellenic Short-sea Shipowners Association, the American Chamber etc. to promote Maritime Relations, Commerce, Goodwill and Cultural relations between citizens of Greece, the U.S. and all other countries represented by their members'. For more information please visit: http://www.propellerclub.gr

About Capital Link:

Capital Link is a 20 year old Advisory, Investor Relations and Financial Communications firm with a strategic focus, among other, on the global maritime sector. Capital Link's headquarters are in New York with a presence in London, Athens and Oslo. Capital Link works with the majority of shipping companies listed on US and European Exchanges. Going beyond the traditional Investor Relations role, Capital Link has built an extensive and unique marketing platform aimed to inform, educate and update a wider audience around the world, including investors, analysts, bankers, financiers and other industry participants, on trends and developments in the maritime sector. This platform includes a series of conferences in major industry and financial centers (New York, London, Athens, Shanghai), sector and industry webinars, market reports, and the Capital Link Stockmarket Indices which track the development of listed shipping companies against freight, commodity and broader market indices. For more information please visit: www.capitallink.com

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