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AXIA Ventures Group named “Best Investment Bank- Greece” at Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2015

Athens, Greece – August 3rd, 2015 – AXIA Ventures Group ("AXIA"), the fast-expanding Investment Banking firm, has been named 'Best Investment Bank-Greece' at Euromoney Awards for Excellence. The award was presented to the firm based on its performance in the investment banking sector throughout 2014.

The award recognizes AXIA's exceptional work and successful transactions led by senior executives with significant and diverse experience across the entire spectrum of financial services and markets across the globe. AXIA's dynamic allocation of global capital to regional growth opportunities, contributed significantly to this recognition.

Mr. George Linatsas, Group Managing Director of AXIA, commented as follows: *“We are absolutely delighted to be recognized by Euromoney as 'Best Investment Bank–Greece'. This award acknowledges our ability to combine global reach with local character within a constantly changing economic environment. At the same time, we remain committed to the principles that are embedded in our daily business practices and that enabled us to reach this stage, including building long lasting relationships and safeguarding our clients' needs, while offering them unique local access in geographies like Greece, Cyprus and Portugal and to niche industries such as shipping and transportation”.*

As cited in the July 2015 issue of Euromoney magazine: *“Amid such macroeconomic strife, it is encouraging to see an investment bank focused on Greece and Cyprus that has made new hires over the past year among the deep pool of Greek and Greek-Cypriot banking talent. Indeed the collective experience at Axia is striking. Alexandros Argyros, AXIA's head of investment banking, for example, is a former Morgan Stanley banker who worked on some of the biggest equity and M&A deals in Greece. Among AXIA's hires in 2014, Roberto Marantidis, who AXIA hired as a Director in Investment Banking in September, was previously a director in the financial institutions group at UBS in London”.*

“AXIA's selection was based on a comprehensive review of the firm's annual performance, as well as its efforts in 2014, where, among other transactions, AXIA acted as adviser to Alpha Bank on a €1.2 billion capital increase via private placement in April, bookrunner in Eurobank's €2.86 billion public capital increase in May, joint underwriter to Lamda

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Development's €150 million public capital increase, joint financial advisor to Dolphin Capital Investors in connection with a €30.5 million mezzanine debt investment and joint underwriter to Eltech Anemos €35 million IPO, the first IPO in Athens since 2009".

For 25 consecutive years, the Euromoney Awards for Excellence continue to be the most respected awards in the financial services industry covering more than 20 global product categories, best-in-class awards in all regions and the best banks in almost 100 countries around the globe. Building on established criteria of past years, Euromoney combines quantitative data with informed and important judgment to honor those institutions which have brought the highest levels of services, innovation and expertise to their clients.

All in all, Euromoney's awards follow a central theme: they recognize institutions and individuals that demonstrate leadership, innovation, and momentum in the markets in which they excel.

About AXIA Ventures Group Limited

AXIA Ventures Group Limited ("AXIA"), a subsidiary of AXIA Financial Group ("AFG"), is a privately owned investment bank providing financial advisory and capital market-related services to corporate and institutional clients. AXIA is headquartered in Nicosia, Cyprus, regulated by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (License No: 086/07) and fully licensed to provide financial advisory services in many financial markets around the world. AXIA has presence in Nicosia (Headquarters), Athens (Branch), Lisbon (Branch), New York (subsidiary) and London (representative office). For more information on AXIA and its services, you can visit the AXIA website at <http://www.axiavg.com>

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