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Axia Ventures Group supports the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce 24th annual conference in Athens

Athens, Greece – December 4, 2013 – The American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce annual events continue to be considered among the best business conferences in Greece. The 24th such event, suitably entitled ‘The New Greek Economic Model: Reform-Investment-Growth’, took place on the 2nd and 3rd of December at the Athenaeum Intercontinental hotel. In line with expectations, it proved to be a renowned success with over 500 attendees marking their presence.

Introduction and opening remarks were made by a number of influential speakers, including His Excellency David Pearce, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Greece; Evangelos Venizelos, Vice President of the Government and President of PASOK party; and Christos Staikouras, Greece’s Alternate Finance Minister, among others. The conference was then followed by presentations and panel discussions extending into a range of sessions and including: ‘The Progress and Prospects of the Greek Economy - A Global Assessment’ by Paul B. Kazarian, Founder, Chairman and CEO, Japonica Partners; ‘Is the Greek Economy Getting Back on Track? What About Growth?’ by Gabrielle Giudice, Head of Unit Greece of the European Commission; ‘The Greek EU Presidency: Priorities and Challenges’ and ‘The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership’.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the conference was the caliber of the guest speakers, which included Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Minister of Administrative Reform and e-Governance; Yannis Maniatis, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change; His Excellency Robert Peck, Ambassador of Canada to Greece; George Siotis, Senior Economic Advisor, Task Force for Greece, European Commission; Athanassios Skordas, Deputy Minister of Development and Competitiveness; Dimitris Kourkoulas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Anastasia Sakellariou, CEO of the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund.

Group Managing Director of AVG Mr. George Linatsas was one of the speakers of the session entitled “Is the growing interest in Greek capital markets an encouraging sign for recovery?” where he outlined the foreign investors’ interest and described the road to redemption for Greek companies.

The quality of the event was truly brought to light on the second day, which was concluded with a dinner, during which Antonis Samaras, Prime Minister of Greece, was the keynote speaker.

The underlying importance of the event was highlighted by AVG’s George Linatsas who stated: “The annual events of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce are acknowledged as an invaluable platform for discussions and presentations regarding opportunities in Greece and the Southeastern European region. We are delighted to sponsor this year’s forum which underlines our belief that Greece will surpass the current obstacles and become an investment hub for Greek and foreign investors”.

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