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**Axia Ventures Group supports and participates in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Money Greek Ship Finance Forum**

*Athens, Greece - 17 October 2013* – Marine Money International hosts one of the most interesting ship finance forums in the industry. Indeed, the 15<sup>th</sup> Greek Ship Finance Forum (the “Forum”), which is synonymous with the best educational and networking opportunities available in the market, took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October at the Athens Ledra Marriott Hotel.

The Forum was a combination of presentations and panel discussions by notable CEOs, COOs, Directors and CFOs, who had the opportunity to provide the audience with a better understanding of the changing demands of the industry, their consequences on shipping and with an outlook of the future trends in finance and shipping, as well as how Greek shipping can contribute to Greece’s recovery.

Axia Ventures Group’s (“AVG”) Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking, Mr. Alexandros Argyros, along with Mr. Robert Perri, CFO of Box Ships Inc., and Paragon Shipping Inc. and Mr. John E. Bradley, a Shareholder of Vedder Price P.C., participated in a panel discussion that focused on the changing environment and needs of shipping companies as it relates to their funding options. Mr. Argyros highlighted the role that alternative capital can play in providing this funding.

The Forum’s capacity to shed light on the current situation of the economy and the potential opportunities in the industry ensured that it captured the attention of ship-owners, financiers, investors, ship-managers, brokers, lawyers and accountants alike. With over 150 participants and 40 sponsors, most of them from Greece but also from USA, Germany, UK, Singapore, Switzerland, Malta, Holland and Turkey, the Forum was a renowned success. AVG participated as a corporate sponsor with a delegation consisting of AVG’s Group Managing Directors, Mr. Antonios Achilleoudis, Mr. Dimitrios Athanasopoulos and Mr. George Linatsas.

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