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AXIA Ventures Group brings global shipping leader Star Bulk to Euronext Athens

Landmark €107.8 million offering opens a new route between Greek shipping and domestic capital markets

Athens, Greece, September 16th, 2026 – AXIA Ventures Group (“AXIA”), a member of Alpha Bank Group, is pleased to announce that it acted as **Lead Advisor, Joint Coordinator and Bookrunner** to **Star Bulk Carriers Corp.** (“Star Bulk”) on its successful public offering of new shares in Greece and parallel listing on Euronext Athens, a **first-of-its-kind transaction for the exchange**.

Star Bulk is a leading global dry bulk shipping company, operating a modern and diversified fleet across key international trade routes. As the largest US-listed dry bulk shipping company by market capitalization and fleet size and third largest dry bulk shipping company, Star Bulk combines global scale deep industry expertise and an extensive track record of value creation across global shipping markets and cycles. Its dual listing on Euronext Athens alongside its existing Nasdaq listing, provides an additional channel for reaching European investors and further strengthens the company’s visibility within the European maritime and investment opportunities.

The offering priced at € 24.50 per share and raising €107.8 million, attracted strong, broad-based investor demand, **with the book fully covered on the first day**. The book was ultimately more than **6 times oversubscribed**, generating approximately **€656.3 million in demand from more than 7,500 investors**, with demand well diversified across retail and qualified investors, as well as significant participation from international institutional audience.

The transaction marks an **important development for the Greek capital markets**, adding a sizeable, internationally established issuer to Euronext Athens which, upon **its expected inclusion in the FTSE/ATHEX Large Cap Index** in the upcoming semi-annual review, **will make Star Bulk the index’s first international shipping company**. Star Bulk’s addition broadens the market’s sectoral composition, strengthens the representation of the shipping industry and expands the investment opportunities available to domestic and international investors.

Mr. Alexandros Argyros, AXIA’s Managing Director & Co-Head of Investment Banking Division stated: *“We are particularly proud to have supported Star Bulk in this landmark transaction and grateful to the company and its management team for the trust they placed in AXIA and Alpha Bank to lead such an important step in its journey. The transaction brings together the global strength and heritage of Greek shipping with the continued development of Greece’s capital markets, opening a new path for globally established shipping companies with strong Greek roots to connect with Greece’s capital markets. Its successful execution reflects AXIA’s deep equity capital markets expertise, ability to navigate complex cross-market transactions and commitment to delivering innovative solutions that create long-term value for our clients”.*

About AXIA Ventures Group Ltd

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