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Press Release

ANEK LINES: Biosafety Trust Certification by RINA for safe travelling against COVID-19 spread

ANEK LINES, the leading shipping company, with responsibility towards the society and with respect to Public Health, successfully completed the inspection of its entire fleet and received the specialized "**Biosafety Trust Certification**" by the **Italian Classification Society (RINA)**. The innovative management system certification, internationally recognized in the shipping industry, is based on the ISO's systematic approach to management systems combined with scientific best practices against the spread of infections together with the principles of organizational behavior management (OBM) to effectively control and prevent a contagion in a work context.

The certification of ANEK LINES confirms that every ship of the company is fully compliant with all the identified measures of the scheme against the spread of COVID-19. It is worth noting that ANEK LINES, in cooperation with the competent authorities, has also developed structured procedures and has taken additional measures regarding both its ships and its owned Agencies.

The **Biosafety Trust Certification** takes into account that the success of health safety management systems depends highly on the personal responsibility. Therefore, to comply with the strict hygiene rules, the system requires experienced staff to undergo ad hoc training courses for specific conditions and that each individual passenger is aware of and follows the recommended preventative measures.

The **Managing Director** of **ANEK LINES** commented: *"At ANEK LINES, we are delighted that through the reliable certification of the leading organization RINA we strengthen further the sense of safety for both our employees and for our passengers. The post COVID era, following the unprecedented situation we experienced recently because of the spread of COVID 19, highlights new challenges that requires responsible answers. At ANEK LINES, our main goal is to continue to travel responsibly and this is the reason that through dynamic and effective initiatives, we actively show our care for our people and our passengers."*

Paolo Moretti, CEO RINA Services, added: *"Trust relies on clarity. The Biosafety Trust certification is based on this principle and gives procedures and information in order for passengers and staff to understand how to minimize the risk of infection. This will have a positive effect on many levels. During the certification process, Anek Lines made sure the travel and work conditions were compliant with all the requirements."*

Facing the challenge of the pandemic, the company puts in the center of all its operations people's safety, which consists high priority to go through today's difficult and unstable conditions. To that end, ANEK LINES proactively adapted to all upcoming needs and consistently continues travelling, maintaining maritime interconnection with ports - destinations all over



Greece and internationally, while ensuring the transport of permanent residents and the supply of access ports.

ANEK LINES recommends to its passengers to apply the general measures preventing from COVID-19 spread and follow the instructions of the Competent Authorities. Faithful to its commitment to act responsibly towards every passenger for more than 50 years, directly contributes to tackling this unprecedented global phenomenon showcasing social responsibility and care towards all those who choose to travel with its fleet.

About RINA

RINA provides a wide range of services across the Energy, Marine, Certification, Transport & Infrastructure and Industry sectors.

With net revenues in 2019 of 476 million Euros, over 3,900 employees and 200 offices in 70 countries worldwide, RINA is a member of key international organizations and an important contributor to the development of new legislative standards.

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