



## Press Release

### CEO's Statement on the FTSE Country Classification Review Results

Athens, 20 September 2007-Mr Spyros Capralos, Chairman of the Athens Exchange (ATHEX), in his statements with regard to the announcement of 20 September 2007 of FTSE Group on the evaluation of the Greek Capital Market reported- inter alia- the following:

' I believe that with the enactment of law concerning the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFid), which will be put into force on 1 November 2007, any particularities that currently exist in the Greek Capital Market in relation with developed markets abroad will disappear. Of course some issues are still pending, but I am sure that the Greek Capital Market will not to be demoted, considering the fact that we are taking quick steps for streamlining it, by taking every possible measure towards this direction. Besides, this is also reflected in the increasing inflow of foreign capital in ATHEX that currently exceeds 52% of the Greek Stock Exchange's total capitalization.'

---