

Announcement

Special dividend (Share capital Return)

8 September 2009 – HELLENIC EXCHANGES S.A. HOLDING, CLEARING, SETTLEMENT & REGISTRY (HELEX) announces that the 2nd Repetitive General Meeting of shareholders of May 26th 2009, approved, among others, the reduction of the share capital of the company by the amount of 9,805,284.45 euro, through a reduction in the par value of each share by 0.15 euro and payment of the amount of 0.15 euro per share to shareholders.

Based on the record date rule, shareholders registered in the Dematerialized Securities System on Friday September 11th 2009 (ex-date Wednesday September 9th 2009, before the start of trading), are entitled to receive the special dividend.

On the same date (9.9.2009), the starting price of the HELEX share at ATHEX will be determined according to the ATHEX Rulebook in conjunction with Resolution No. 26 of the ATHEX BoD, as it applies.

Payment of the special dividend will take place on **Thursday September 17th 2009** by **BANK of PIRAEUS** as follows:

1. Through the DSS operators, in accordance with paragraph 5.5 of the ATHEX Rulebook and 39 of the DSS Rulebook, provided they are entitled to receive the special dividend.
2. Through the branch network of BANK of PIRAEUS, for those shareholders that have requested an exception from their DSS operator or have their shares in the Special Account of their Investor's Share Securities Account kept with DSS.
3. Those shareholders who, for various reasons, are not able to receive the dividend through their operators will be able to receive the special dividend starting on September 24th 2009 through the branch network of BANK of PIRAEUS. It will be possible to receive the special dividend through the branch network of BANK of PIRAEUS by providing the DSS account information and an ID, either in person or through a representative. The legal representative must have an authorization from the beneficiary, which must contain the details of both the beneficiary as well as of the legal representative, and the signature of the beneficiary must be verified by the appropriate authorities.

Starting on **17.9.2014**, the payment of special dividend in cash will be made by the Company.

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