

# Press Release

## 9th Annual General Meeting of HELEX

**19 May 2010** - HELLENIC EXCHANGES S.A. HOLDING, CLEARING, SETTLEMENT AND REGISTRY announces that today, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2010, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of shareholders of the Company was held in the "HERMES" hall at the offices of the Company. Shareholders representing 27,436,529 common registered shares and voting rights, i.e. 41.97% of the 65,368.563 total common registered shares participated.

The General Meeting took the following decisions:

- On the **1<sup>st</sup> item**, shareholders approved the Financial Report of the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) fiscal year (01.01.2009 – 31.12.2009) which includes the Annual Financial Statements of the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) fiscal year (01.01.2009 – 31.12.2009) together with the relevant Reports by the Board of Directors and the Auditors.
- On the **2<sup>nd</sup> item**, shareholders approved the distribution of profits for the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) fiscal year (01.01.2009 - 31.12.2009) as follows:
  1. in the amount of EUR2,060,035.75 for the creation of a regular reserve.
  2. in the amount of EUR14,381,084.00 for the dividend for the ninth fiscal year.
  3. the balance of EUR131,274,915.76 is transferred to retained earnings.

Concerning the dividend of 0.22 euro per share, the proposed ex-date and beneficiary determination date, based on the record date rule, of May 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively were approved, and the corresponding amount will be paid to shareholders on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010, through their operators. Shareholders that have not granted, or have revoked the relevant authorization to the operator to collect the dividend in the DSS, or have their shares in the Special Account of their Investor's Share Securities Account kept with DSS, will be able to receive the dividend through the branch network of Piraeus Bank starting on Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The abovementioned dividend amount is subject to a 10% withholding tax (€0.022 per share, in accordance with the provisions of article 18 of Law 3697/2008), and therefore the net amount payable is **0.198 euro** per share.

- On the **3<sup>rd</sup> item**, shareholders released the members of the Board of Directors and the Auditors from any liability for compensation for the Annual Financial Statements and the management of the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) fiscal year (01.01.2009 - 31.12.2009), and approved the management and representation of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- On the **4<sup>th</sup> item**, shareholders approved the remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors for the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) fiscal year (01.01.2009 - 31.12.2009).
- On the **5<sup>th</sup> item**, shareholders pre-approved the remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors for the next, tenth (10<sup>th</sup>), fiscal year 2010 (01.01.2010 - 31.12.2010).
- On the **6<sup>th</sup> item**, shareholders elected the Auditing Firm PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. to audit the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) fiscal year (1.1.2009 - 31.12.2009) and in particular Messrs Konstantinos Michalatos and Dimitrios Sourbis for the positions of Auditors and Messrs

Kyriakos Riris and Marios Psaltis in the positions of alternate Auditors. The remuneration of the above Chartered Auditors Accountants was set at 25,000, plus VAT.

- On the **7<sup>th</sup> item**, shareholders approved the election of Members of the Board of Directors to replace Members that resigned and approved the appointment of Members to the Audit Committee of the Company.

In particular, shareholders approved the election of the new Members of the Board of Directors: Mrs. Adamantini Lazari, Mr. Spyridon Pantelias, Mr. Alexandros Tourkolias and Mr. Alexandros Antonopoulos, to replace Messrs. Vassilios Drougas, Antonios Kaminaris, Ioannis Pechlivanidis and Avgoustinos Vitzilaios respectively, who resigned.

Furthermore, following the abovementioned changes, and in order to fulfill the terms of §1 of article 37 of Law 3693/2008, shareholders approved the new composition of the Audit Committee which now consists of Mr. Nikolaos Mylonas – Chairman and independent non-executive member, Mr. Ulysses Kyriakopoulos – independent non-executive member and Adamantini Lazari – non-executive member.

- On the **8<sup>th</sup> item**, shareholders granted permission, in accordance with article 23 §1 of codified law 2190/1920, to allow members of the Board of Directors of the Company and to executives of the Company to participate in the Boards of Directors or in the management of the companies of the Group and in associated companies, under the meaning of article 42e §5 of Codified Law 2190/1920.

Discussion on the following matters was postponed due to a lack of the necessary, by the law and the Articles of Association, quorum:

**Item 9:** Reduction of the share capital in the amount of EUR8,497,913.19 euro through a reduction in the par value of each share by 0.13 euro, and payment of this amount to shareholders.

**Item 10:** Amendment of article 5 of the Articles of Association concerning the share capital.

**Item 11:** Taking a decision on the spinoff of the clearing of transactions sector of the company and its contribution to the legal person (societe anonyme) with the name "Athens Exchange Clearing House S.A." in accordance with the provisions of articles 1-5 of law 2166/1993, and specification of agents and representatives of the company who will sign in front of a notary the act of contribution of the clearing of transactions sector

In order to discuss and decide the abovementioned items, the General Meeting will convene again in a **1<sup>st</sup> Repetitive General Meeting** on **Wednesday 02.06.2010 at 18:00**, in Athens, at the headquarters of the Company, in accordance with the original Invitation of the BoD of the Company of 19.04.2010.