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**The 2012 Capital Link Leadership Award presented to
Andrew N. Liveris
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
of the Dow Chemical Company**

Within the context of the **14th Annual Capital Link Investor Forum on Greece, titled “Building a New Greece”** which took place on **November 29, 2012** at the **Metropolitan Club in New York City**, Capital Link initiated **“Capital Link Leadership Award”** to be presented annually to a Hellene or Philhellene for outstanding contribution in fostering closer business ties between Greece and the global business and investment community.

The **2012 Capital Link Leadership Award** is presented to **Andrew N. Liveris, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dow Chemical Company** for his leadership role as a Founder of the **Hellenic Initiative**.

The **Hellenic Initiative**, established in 2012, is a global, non-profit, non-governmental secular institution whose vision, through the generosity of the Greek Diaspora and Philhellene community, is to provide critical pragmatic encouragement and financial support to sustain organizations and programs, and inspire the entrepreneurship and business development that will empower the Greek people to ensure their Nation’s long term prosperity.

The Hellenic Initiative arrives at a particularly critical time for Greece as it pushes on with sweeping reforms aimed to restructure and reinvigorate the Greek economy ensuring Greece’s position within the Eurozone.

The ceremony took place during an official dinner organized in the context of the 14th Annual Capital Link Forum on **Wednesday, November 28th 2012 at the Harvard Club** with honored Guest **Mr. Costis Hatzidakis**, Minister of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure & Networks of the Hellenic Republic. **Mrs. Alexis Christoforous**, News Anchor of CBS News was the Mistress of Ceremony. **Mr. Panos Papazoglou**, Country Managing Partner Greece – CSE South Cluster Leader of Ernst & Young made the welcome remarks. **H.E. Christos Panagopoulos**, Ambassador of Greece to the United States presented the Award to **Mr. Andrew N. Liveris**.

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Business Executives, Government Leaders of Greece and the United States, as well as a group of distinguished Greek American businessmen were among the participants.

Since 1995, Capital Link has consistently toiled at raising the profile of Greece among the global financial, business and investment community and at fostering closer business and investment ties between Greece and the United States. The Capital Link Forums are a well-established and respected brand among investors in New York, London and Athens.

The Annual Capital Link Investor Forum on Greece organized annually in New York in cooperation with the New York Stock Exchange, major global investment banks and with the support of the main Greek American organizations, has been established as the main platform for updating the US business and investment community on the progress, developments and outlook of the Greek economy and its main sectors, while identifying business and investment opportunities in Greece and the wider region. With a 14-year track record, this prestigious, high caliber Forum, offers unique informational, marketing and networking opportunities bringing together government and business leaders from the US and Greece and has contributed in fostering closer ties between Greece and the global investment community.

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