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“4th Annual Capital Link Cyprus Shipping Forum”

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Columbia Plaza, Limassol, Cyprus

February 18, 2020

For the fourth year in a row, Capital Link organizes in Cyprus its Annual Capital Link Cyprus Shipping Forum on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

The Forum will take place in **Limassol** at the **Columbia Plaza**, under the **Auspices of the Republic of Cyprus**, the **Cyprus Shipping Deputy Minister to the President** and the **Lead Sponsorship and Cooperation of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners**. The event is also supported by the Cyprus Shipping Deputy Ministry and by the following Organizations: CSC - Cyprus Shipping Chamber • Cyprus Shipping Association • Association of Merchant Marine Officers • CIFA • CYMEPA • Cyprus Marine Club • Cyprus Master Mariners Association • Cyprus Naval Architects & Marine Engineers Association • Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers • Wista Cyprus • Wista Hellas • Young Ship Cyprus

The event aims to highlight:

- The Cyprus maritime industry
- The Cyprus flag which has been recognized internationally as a quality and safe flag
- The significant role of Cyprus as a maritime, energy and logistics hub and as an investment and business destination.

It is of great importance that this Forum attracts in Cyprus top foreign executives from the global shipping, financial and capital markets as well as from the investment market who will have the unique opportunity to meet and network with their Cypriot counterparts.

The conference is supported with the participation and attendance of major **International and Cypriot Shipowners, Government Officials, Ship Managers, Bankers, Financiers, four major classification societies and other major Industry Participants**.

Topics to be covered include the recent developments and trends in the shipping, financial and capital markets, issues pertaining to geopolitical developments as well as technical and commercial fleet management. The Forum will highlight the challenges the industry is facing with compliance to the new regulatory framework and to innovative technologies as well.

H.E. Natasa Pilides, Shipping Deputy Minister to the President, will deliver the OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS.

Mr. Constantinos Herodotou, Governor – Central Bank of Cyprus, Member of the Governing Council – European Central Bank will be the Afternoon Keynote Speaker.

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For the fourth year in a row, the Conference Chairman of the Forum will be **Mr. George A. Tsavlis**, Principal of **Tsavlis Salvage Group**, elected Chairman – **INTERMEPA (International Marine Environment Protection Association)**, Chairman – **CYMEPA (Cyprus Marine Environmental Protection Association)**, Member of the Board of Directors of the **Cyprus Union of Shipowners** and Honorary Chairman – **Tsavlis Cultural Foundation**.

PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL TOPICS

Welcome remarks:

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – **Capital Link**

Mr. George A. Tsavlis, Principal – **Tsavlis Salvage Group** – Conference Chairman

Opening Keynote Address: FORGING AHEAD – CYPRUS AS A LOGISTICS & MARITIME HUB

Ms. Natasa Pilides, Shipping Deputy Minister to the President – Republic of Cyprus will deliver the keynote remarks

Presentation: BREXIT AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SHIPPING & CYPRUS

Mrs. Clea Evagorou, Director – **Deloitte**

Panel discussion: IMO 2020 – LESSONS LEARNED & WHAT'S NEXT

Moderator: Dr. John Kokarakis, Technical Director, Hellenic Black Sea & Adriatic Zone – **Bureau Veritas**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Nicholas Argyrou**, General Manager – **Bunkernet**
- **Mr. Ioannis Efstratiou**, Head of Marine Environment Unit, Shipping Deputy Ministry – **Republic of Cyprus**
- **Dr. Loukas Barmparis**, President – **Safe Bulklers**
- **Mr. Nicos Rescos**, COO – **Star Bulk Carriers**
- **Mr. Anders Mjøl̄snes Sørheim**, Technical Sales Manager – **Yara Marine Technologies**

Presentation: BALLAST WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS – Compliance Testing Challenges

Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis, CEO – **ERMA FIRST ESK Engineering Solutions**

Panel discussion: CONQUERING THE NEXT FRONTIER – REDUCING GREEN HOUSE EMISSIONS – DECARBONIZATION

Moderator: Mr. Panos Mitrou, Global Gas Segment Manager – **Lloyds Register**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Dieter Rohdenburg**, CEO – **Internship Navigation**
- **Mr. Philippos Philis**, Chairman & CEO – **Lemissoler Navigation**
- **Mr. Scott Bergeron**, Director of Business Development & Strategy – **Oldendorff Carriers**
- **Mr. Hew Crooks**, CFO – **Ridgebury Tankers**
- **Professor Ntinos Arcoumanis**, Chairman of the Board – **Metropolitan College of Greece** – Former Ambassador of Greece for Energy Policy and New Technologies

Panel discussion: SHIPMANAGEMENT – DELIVERING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX WORLD

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Mylonas LLB, Managing Partner – **AMG MYLONAS & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Lefteris Karaminas**, Manager, Global Sustainability Center – **ABS**
- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. Prabhat Jha**, Group Managing Director – **MSC Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. Roine Ahlquist**, Managing Director – **Oceanic Marine Management**
- **Mr. Alastair Evitt**, Managing Director – **V. Ships Limited**

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Panel discussion: MARITIME TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Chrysostomou, Chief Strategy Officer – **Tototheo Maritime**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jens Ewerling**, Director Maritime Broadband – **Cobham Satcom**
- **Mr. Ronald Spithout**, President Maritime – **Inmarsat**
- **Mr. Geoff Allsop**, Director EMEA Sales – **Intellian**
- **Mr. Yiannis Pastellas**, Business Development Manager – **Safebridge Cyprus**
- **Mr. Navneet Singh Rainu**, Head of DCR – **Tototheo Maritime**

Afternoon Keynote Address

“Economic Trends And Outlook For Euro Area, Impact Of ECB Monetary Policy And Outlook Of Cyprus Economy”

Mr. Constantinos Herodotou Governor – **Central Bank of Cyprus** Member of the Governing Council – **European Central Bank**

Presentation: POSEIDON PRINCIPLES – FROM CONCEPT TO PRACTICE – WHAT THEY MEAN FOR THE INDUSTRY

Mr. Alexander Damianidis, Partner – **Watson Farley & Williams**

Panel discussion: INTERNATIONAL BANK FINANCE & SHIPPING

Moderator: K. Chris Vartzis, Partner – **Stephenson Harwood**

Panelists:

- **Mr. George Arcadis**, Country Executive, Branch Manager – **ABN AMRO (Athens Branch)**
- **Mr. Iraklis Tsirigotis**, Head of Shipping Finance, Managing Director – **Amsterdam Trade Bank**
- **Mr. Passchier Veeffkind**, SVP, Head of Athens Representative Office – **DNB**
- **Mrs. Katerina Eleftheriou**, Head of Shipping – **HSBC**
- **Ms. Eleni Vrettou**, Executive General Manager, Corporate & Investment Banking – **Piraeus Bank**

Panel discussion: CYPRUS BANKS STEP UP THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH SHIPPING

Moderator: Mr. Adam Montanios, Deputy Managing Partner – **Montanios & Montanios LLC**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Christos Xygakakis**, Manager – Shipping Unit – **AstroBank**
- **Mr. Constantinos Milios**, Head of Shipping Finance – **Eurobank Cyprus Ltd**
- **Mr. Antonios K. Spanakis**, Head of Ship Finance – **Hellenic Bank**

Presentation: INNOVATIVE SHIP FINANCE SOLUTIONS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE FINANCE

Mr. Stefanos Fragos, Senior Representative - Athens Branch – **YieldStreet Marine Inc**

Harnessing The Potential Of The Retail Investor Market As A Source Of Capital For Shipping - Combining Capital Markets & Technology To Optimize Access To Capital

Mr. David Sparkes, Managing Director – **RMK/ASCENSION FINANCE**

Institutional Capital In Ship Finance

Presentation: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT: A GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK ENABLING DATA-DRIVEN MANAGEMENT DECISIONS

Mr. Charalambos Moyseos, Head of Technology Advisory Services – **EY Cyprus**

Panel discussion: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER & LOOKING AHEAD - THE SHIPOWNER PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: Mr. Leonidas Karystios, Regional Business Development & Gas Segment Director South East Europe, Middle East & Africa – **DNV GL**

Panelists:

- **Mr. John Michael Radziwill**, CEO – **CTM**
- **Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis**, President – **Cyprus Sea Lines Shipping**; President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**
- **Mr. Aristides Pittas**, Chairman and CEO – **Eurodry**; Chairman & CEO – **Euroseas**

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- **Mr. Polys Hajioannou, CEO – Safe Bulkers; Vice President – Cyprus Union of Shipowners**
- **Mr. Petros Pappas, CEO – Star Bulk Carriers**
- **Mrs. Nicole C. Mylona, CEO – Transmed Shipping Co. Ltd.**

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. George A. Tsavlis, Principal – Tsavlis Salvage Group – Conference Chairman

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