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CAPITAL LINK'S 7TH ANNUAL OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN SHIPPING FORUM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 - ATHENS, GREECE

NEW YORK, NY, October 24, 2017 – The “7th Annual Capital Link “Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum” will take place on Wednesday November 1, 2017 at the Divani Caravel hotel in Athens, Greece.

FORUM OVERVIEW AND STRUCTURE

The Forum is organized **in Cooperation with the Danish Shipowners Association, the German Shipowners Association and the Greek Shipping Cooperation Committee.**

With a **7-year track record** it is the only Forum that showcases **Operational Excellence in the Maritime Sector** and explores **Best Industry Practices** across all major areas such as fleet management, technological innovation, crewing, energy efficiency and the environment, safety & security. The Forum also aims to highlight companies that implement Best Industry Practices as part of their Corporate Culture.

The Forum provides an interactive platform on the topic of Operational Excellence, Best Industry Practices and Sustainability linking shipping companies, charterers, government and non-government industry associations, classification societies, P&I Clubs, flag registries, technology & service providers and the financial and investment community.

We are delighted to see how the industry has embraced this Forum. This year, Senior Executives from 26 leading shipping companies, 3 major classification societies, as well as charterers, financiers and key industry organizations will come together to discuss geopolitical, regulatory and market trends that affect shipping and how the implementation of Best Industry Practices translates into tangible commercial, operational and financial competitive advantages.

The extensive shipping company participation in the Forum is key. Safe, efficient and compliant operations are the backbone of the industry, and the Forum attributes to the Operational Side of the business and to the companies that implement Best Industry Practices the attention they deserve.

“2017 CAPITAL LINK MARITIME CSR LEADERSHIP AWARD” - In the context of the Forum, we will present the **“2017 Capital Link Maritime CSR Leadership Award” to Mr. John Platsidakis, Chairman, INTERCARGO; Managing Director - Anangel Maritime Services Inc.** in recognition of his commitment in applying and promoting Best Industry Practices.

The Introductory Remarks and the Award presentation will be made by **Mr. Panagiotis Laskaridis, President - European Community Shipowners Associations; CEO - Lavinia Corporation/Laskaridis Shipping Co. Ltd.**

The **“Capital Link Maritime CSR Leadership Award”** was initiated 5 years ago aiming to recognize a person or an organization for demonstrating the highest level of commitment to Business Ethics and Best Industry

Practices. Previous Honorees were Mr. Jeremy Penn, Dr. Nikos Tsakos, Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos and Mr. Clay Maitland.

REGISTRATION

To register please visit: <http://forums.capitallink.com/csr/2017athens/signup.html>

INDUSTRY PANEL & PRESENTATION TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Industry Challenges & The Road Map Ahead
- Environmental Regulation & Compliance – How It May Affect Shipping
- Investing in Big Data & Cybersecurity: Is It Worth It? Will It Really Make A Difference?
- Crew Welfare, Training & Retention
- Chinese Crewing Ready For Global Shipping
- Optimize Crew Welfare And Costs – Impact Of Telemedicine On Seafarers And Shipping
- Optimizing Technical Ship Management
- Connecting Ports, Vessels & People
- Ship Safety – Regulatory Compliance & Third Party Inspections
- Digital Kidnap and Ransom
- Operational Excellence as a Competitive Advantage

PARTICIPATING COMPANIES & ORGANIZATIONS

- Aegean Shipping Management, Inc.
- Almi Tankers
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- INTERCARGO
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- International Registries
- INTERTANKO
- Liberian Registry
- Lloyd's Register
- Maran Gas Maritime Inc.
- Marsh Brokers Ltd., Cyprus
- Minerva Marine Inc.
- NAMEPA
- Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd.
- NYMAR
- Prime Marine Management
- ShipMedCare Ltd.

- Singhai Marine Services
- Springfield Shipping Co. (Onassis Group)
- Starbulk SA
- Stealth Maritime Corporation S.A.
- Technomar Shipping Inc.
- Thenamaris Ships Management Inc.
- Thomas Miller P&I (Europe) Ltd.
- TMS Dry Ltd.
- TORM A/S
- Tototheo Maritime Ltd.
- Tsakos Columbia Shipmanagement
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Capital Link is an Advisory, Investor Relations and Financial Communications firm. Besides the customized Investor Relations programs tailored to each specific client, Capital Link is also known for the organization of large scale high quality maritime and investor forums in key industry centers, such as in New York, London, Athens, Shanghai, Limassol and next year in Singapore. Capital Link organizes fourteen conferences annually, of which seven are focused on the maritime sector. Capital Link's events draw the elite of the financial, investment and maritime communities and provide a unique combination of superior informational content, marketing and networking opportunities. Capital Link's global marketing platform enhances the visibility and reach of these events during the year on a global scale that lasts well beyond the date on which each event is held, becoming a continuous reference point for market participants.

Capital Link's efforts have been recognized by the 2011 Lloyds's List Greek Shipping Awards, in 2012 and 2013 by the InterContinental Finance Magazine and in 2016 by the Wealth & Finance Magazine, Also, by the International Propeller Club of the United States and AHI-American Hellenic Institute.

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