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Capital Link is hosting the “**14th Annual Capital Link Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum - Best Industry Practices - Building Long Term Value Through Sustainability**”, on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024** at the **Athenaeum Intercontinental Athens**, in **Athens, Greece**.

With a **14-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. Special attention will be paid to sustainability and ESG considerations.

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

This year's forum will once more feature industry leaders addressing a global audience.

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AGENDA

REGISTRATION & COFFEE

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WELCOME REMARKS

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

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman & CEO - **ABS**

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Presentation by:

Mr. Roy Gebbink, Managing Director – **XBEE Marine**

REALITY CHECK ON MARINE FUELS & ENERGY TRANSITION

Availability, Affordability & Scalability

Moderator: Mr. Vassilis Dimoulas, Technology & Innovation Director SEEBA Zone - **Bureau Veritas**

Panelists:

- **Dr. George D. Pateras**, President - **Hellenic Chamber of Shipping**; Deputy Chairman - **Contships Management**
- **Mr. Kostas Polydakis**, CEO - **MM Marine, Mercuria Energy Group**; Head of Shipping-**Minerva Bunkering, Mercuria Energy Group**
- **Mr. Constantinos Capetanakis**, Bunker Director - **Star Bulk Carriers Corp (NASDAQ: SBLK)**; Chair – **IBIA**
- **Mr. George Saroglou**, President & COO - **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN)**

SAFETY & SUSTAINABILITY - SAFEGUARDING THE CREWS, CARGOES, & THE ENVIRONMENT

Moderator: Mr. Christopher J. Wiernicki, Chairman & CEO - **ABS**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Stylianos Psillakis**, Technical Director - **Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. George Poularas**, CEO - **Enesel SA**
- **Mr. Kostas Karathanos**, COO – **GasLog Ltd.**
- **Mr. Roberto P. Cazzulo**, Council Chair - **International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)**
- **Mr. Dimitrios Fafalios**, Chairman - **INTERCARGO**; President / Director – **Fafalios Shipping**

SPOTLIGHT ON HUMAN SUSTAINABILITY

Moderator Mr. Michalis Pantazopoulos, General Manager - **Liberian Registry (LISCR Hellas)**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Vangelis Sfakiotakis**, COO - **Diana Shipping Services S.A.**
- **Ms. Ioanna Lali**, D.E.I. Officer & Alternate Crew Manager - **Dorian LPG Ltd. (NYSE: LPG)**
- **Mr. Tim Ponath**, CEO - **NSB Group**
- **Mr. Theo Baltatzis**, General Manager - **Technomar Shipping**
- **Ms. Venetia Kallipolitou**, Cross Department HR & Training Manager - **Tsakos Group**; Commander – **Hellenic Coast Guard (Retired)**

NAVIGATING TROUBLED WATERS

Rear Admiral Vasileios Gryparis HN, Operational Commander "EUNAVFOR ASPIDES" - **Hellenic Navy General Staff**

KEYNOTE REMARKS

H.E. Christos Stylianides

Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy - **Hellenic Republic of Greece**

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"2024 CAPITAL LINK MARITIME SUSTAINABILITY AWARD"

Presented to:

Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi, Chairman - **INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING** ; President & MD - **Grimaldi Euromed SpA** ; Managing Director - **Grimaldi Group**

Introductory Remarks by:

Ms. Melina Travlos, President - **Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS)** ; Chair of the Board - **Neptune Group of Companies**

RIDING THE TECHNOLOGY WAVE

Fleet Performance Optimization Through Innovation & Digitalization

Moderator: Mr. Spyridon Zolotas, Senior Director – **RINA**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas**, COO & Vice President – **Danaos Corporation**
- **Mr. Marcos Vassilicos**, Managing Director – **Eurobulk**
- **Mr. Antonios Georgantzis**, COO – **Latsco Marine Management**
- **Mr. Costas Kontes**, Group Commercial Director Europe / Managing Director – **Mediterranean Cluster – V.Ships Greece Ltd.**

ALL ABOUT CARBON - CARBON CAPTURE, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Moderator: Dr. Chara Georgopoulou, Head of R&D and Advisory Unit Greece, Onboard CCS Manager, Maritime – **DNV**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jerry Kalogiratos**, CEO - **Capital Clean Energy Carriers Corp. (NASDAQ: CCEC)**
- **Mr. Jasper Heikens**, CCO - **Ecolog**
- **Ms. Eleni Polychronopoulou**, President - **ERMA FIRST GROUP**
- **Mr. Nikolas Rigas**, Head of Carbon Storage - **EnEarth**
- **Mr. George Daskalakis**, Head Technology Management, Strategy Division - **Motor Oil (Hellas)**

GOING INTO 2025 - FUELEU MARITIME & EU ETS

1x1 Discussion:

- **Mr. Frederic Bouthillier**, Head of Shipping - **Vertis Environmental Finance**
- **Ms. Vanessa Tzoannos**, Partner - **Hill Dickinson**

PORT STATE CONTROL - CHINA

Presentation by:

Mr. Francis Chin, Executive Director – **Singhai Marine Services (Singapore)**

THE SHIPOWNER'S PERSPECTIVE - LOOKING AHEAD

Moderator: Ms. Elina Papageorgiou, Global Strategic Growth Director & Vice President, Greece & Cyprus - **Lloyd's Register**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Sveinung Støhle**, Deputy CEO - **Angelicoussis Group**
- **Mr. Jerry Kalogiratos**, CEO - **Capital Clean Energy Carriers Corp. (NASDAQ: CCEC)**
- **Mr. Thomas Lister**, CEO - **Global Ship Lease Ltd. (NYSE: GSL)**
- **Mr. George Thanopoulos**, CEO - **Neda Maritime Agency Co. Ltd.**

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