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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre HYGEIA S.A.**

- ✓ **Consolidated profits of the first nine months of 2006 amounted to 2.594 Euros**
- ✓ **Operating profits increased by 195% in relation to the corresponding period of 2005**
- ✓ **Quantitative and qualitative figures recorded an increasing trend**

During the nine-month period from January to September 2006 the activities of the **Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre HYGEIA S.A.** were deemed particularly satisfactory whereas the company continued to restructure the Group's operating model, an endeavour that was initiated during the second quarter of 2006, at a more vigorous rate.

Part of the results of these interventions have been included and are presented in the financial statements of the nine-month period from January to September 2006 that have been published in spite of the fact that the Group's restructure shall present the overall growth of the forecasted financial figures from 2007.

Specifically,

- On a consolidated basis the group recorded a net profit of 2,594,000 Euros against a loss of 992,000 Euros that it recorded during the corresponding period of 2005.
- The company's sales during the nine-month period from January to September 2006 amounted to **68,178,962 Euros** against an amount of **62,486,804 Euros** that the company recorded in the corresponding period of 2005. In other words, the company's sales increased by **5,692,157 Euros** or **9.10%**.
- The company's operating results during the nine-month period from January to September 2006 amounted to a profit of **5,365,880 Euros** in comparison to a profit of **1,816,110 Euros** that the company recorded during the corresponding period of 2005, thus recording an increase of **3,549,770 Euros** or **195%**, while the company's gross profit margin increased by **272%** (7.9% in 2006 in comparison to 2.9% in 2005).

- The company recorded a net profit before taxes of an amount of **1,301,526 Euros** in comparison to a **loss of 1,099,943 Euros** that it recorded during the corresponding period of 2005.
- The company's operating results for the nine-month period from January to September 2006 include expenditures that concern prior years that have been accounted for in 2006 and expenses relating to the company's reorganisation that burden the current fiscal year and that shall not be transferred to future fiscal years. If the aforementioned expenditures were not taken into consideration, the company's operating results would had amounted to **6,535,838 Euros** with a gross profit margin of **9.6%**, while its net profits would had amounted to 2,935,252 Euros.
- The results of both the current fiscal year and previous fiscal years were burdened with bad debt provisions of prior years. Following the diligent audit that is currently being conducted, all necessary provisions shall be finalised at the end of the year. In addition, all positive or negative adjustments of prior years shall be presented in their entirety in the results of 31 December 2006.