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New Greek law team for Ince & Co Piraeus joins on 2 January 2009

International law firm Ince & Co is responding to market needs with the appointment of a team of experienced and respected Greek lawyers to its Piraeus office. The firm's new Greek legal team comprises litigators and advocates George Iatridis and Dimitris Kapsis, together with Greek lawyers Dimitris Ghiomelakis and Donatos Apostolou. George Iatridis, together with Dimitris Kapsis, will join Ince & Co's Piraeus office on 2 January 2009.

Since 1993 Ince & Co has advised on English law matters in Piraeus, with the emphasis on serving the international maritime community. The appointment of the new team will enable the firm's clients to seek immediate advice on matters of Greek law and to be represented in the Greek courts by Ince & Co.

George Iatridis practises all types of litigation, including shipping, insurance, banking, shipping casualties and general commercial work. He joins Ince & Co from Vgenopoulos & Partners, where he has been a partner for the last 12 years. Dimitris Kapsis joins Ince & Co from his own law office, where he advised on a wide range of shipping, corporate and insurance matters. Dimitris Ghiomelakis also joins from Vgenopoulos, and Donatos Apostolou from his own practice.

Jonathan Elvey, managing partner of Ince & Co's Piraeus office said: "Both George Iatridis and Dimitris Kapsis are well known within the Greek legal community and we have worked with both of them over the years. We have a high regard for their professionalism and integrity, as do those of our clients whom they have advised, and I am delighted that they have both decided to join us."

George Iatridis said: "I have known the Ince team in Piraeus for many years and work actively with them on many matters. I am looking forward not only to building the firm's Greek law practice with my new colleagues, but also to working with Ince partners worldwide."

Senior partner of Ince & Co James Wilson commented: "I am very pleased that George and Dimitris are joining us in Piraeus. Greece controls about 20% of the world's shipping and, although shipping is affected by the worldwide economic downturn, our clients will continue to require advice on Greek law that George, with Dimitris and the team, will provide. These appointments continue our strategy of ensuring that across our network of offices we combine the ability to advise our international clients on English law with advising on local law where permitted."

Notes

Ince & Co is an international law firm with 85 partners. In Piraeus the partners are Jonathan Elvey, Antonis Lagadianos and Robin Parry. The Ince network includes offices in Dubai, Hamburg, Hong Kong, Le Havre, Paris, Piraeus, Shanghai and Singapore. Ince lawyers practise English, French, German, Hong Kong.

Lawyers in the firm advise in seven core business areas: Aviation; Business & Finance; Commercial Disputes; Energy & Offshore; Insurance & Reinsurance; International Trade; and Shipping. Our teams regularly use knowledge of one sector to advise clients in another.

The firm was recently named the inaugural global Shipping & Maritime Law Firm of the Year 2008 in the Who's Who Legal Awards. Who's Who Legal is the Official Research Partner of the International Bar Association. Ince & Co also holds the title Global Shipping Law Firm of the Year, awarded by Chambers & Partners.