

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Attica Group announces the signing of a joint service agreement with ANEK Lines for the employment of vessels of the two companies in the international route Patras – Igoumenitsa – Ancona and the domestic route Piraeus – Herakleion, Crete.

The 3-year agreement is effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 and aims to further improve the services offered in the Piraeus – Herakleion route with the deployment of the new and modern ferry Olympic Champion as well as to optimise the capacity offered in the Patras – Igoumenitsa – Ancona route so as to better reflect the current demand of the route while maintaining the high quality of services offered today.

The new joint service creates new dynamics for the development of both routes and helps curtail the continuously rising vessel operating costs, which is, inter alia, due to the sharp increase in the price of fuel oil.

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