



HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
CAPITAL MARKET COMMISSION

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Pursuant to its decision dated September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 regarding the notification of short sales and having taken into account the information regarding said transactions, the Hellenic Capital Markets Commission has decided to adopt additional measures in order to secure the orderly operation of the market.

In particular, the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Capital Markets Commission has decided today, during its 486th meeting, that orders relating to short sales of shares listed on the Securities Market of the Athens Exchange, must be entered at a higher price than the price of the last trade concluded on the Athens Exchange (uptick rule).

The decision enters in force today and shall remain in force until December 31st, 2008. Breach of short selling rules may constitute market abuse which entails administrative and penal sanctions.