



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC
CAPITAL MARKET COMMISSION**

P R E S S S T A T E M E N T

in connection with the short selling ban currently in force

September 29, 2011

The Hellenic Capital Markets Commission, in consultation with the other competent authorities¹ that have adopted similar measures, under the coordination of ESMA, has decided today to extend the short selling prohibition until December 9, 2011.

The HCMC has reached its decision after taking into account current market conditions, as well as the impact of the short selling prohibition, which is in force since August 8, 2011. The HCMC will continue to work closely with said authorities, monitoring market developments that may require new regulatory action, including the eventual lifting of the short selling prohibition.

¹FSMA (Belgium), AMF (France), CONSOB (Italy) and CNMV (Spain).