

American Hellenic Hull Insurance updates and business progress

American Hellenic Hull reports significant premium growth

September marked completion of an operationally profitable second quarter of the year for American Hellenic Hull. At a 9th October meeting in Cyprus, AHHIC's Board of Directors was extensively briefed on the robust state of the company.

Chairman, Vince Solarino, stated: "We at American P&I Club will continue to support further growth in the turnover of American Hellenic and we firmly believe that it represents a new, growing, dynamic force in marine insurance markets across the world".

Particularly noteworthy was a significant increase in premium for the year to date, thanks partly to a number of new accounts added at the end of month. The gross written premium for the period of January to September 2018 increased by 16% compared with last year at the same stage. At the end of September, the company's insured fleet showed a year-on-year increase of 15%, numbering 2,160 vessels. The average line of cover stood at 8%.

Data presented to the Board by the managers also showed that AHHIC's total assets for September 2018 were 18.5% higher than at the end of 2017, whereas the ratio of current assets to current liabilities stood at 445% compared with 330% at the end of last year. The underwriting loss ratio stands at 67.6%, while the company's operational expenses are 12.9% below budget amounts.

During the briefing the managers reported that in September, AHHIC's own funds stood at 116.1% of the Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR) and 159.30% of the Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR).

"We are delighted about the company's continuing upward trend and its profitable operation," said Ilias Tsakiris, CEO of American Hellenic Hull. "American Hellenic provides highly synergistic hull and machinery solutions to the global shipping industry, while our track record is second to none. We shall continue developing our reputation and growing brand-recognition of AHHIC throughout the world's key shipping communities. Our target is to double the value of the company's initial investment within the next five years," stated Mr. Tsakiris.

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