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## **Press Release**

## «Greek leadership in EU by DROMEAS SA»

On Wednesday, May 06, 2009, the European Union and DROMEAS SA signed a contract concerning the procurement of office furniture (executive desks, managerial desks, filing cabinets, pedestals, office chairs, auxiliary furniture etc.) for the equipment of all EU's services. The worth of the contact is 31 mil. € and is valid for 2 (two) years with the possibility to be extended for 1+1 years.

For the next 2 (two) or 4 (four) years DROMEAS SA will supply exclusively all divisions and services of EU with office furniture. DROMEAS' furniture are wholly manufactured in DROMEAS' facilities in Serres, Industrial Area, and are fully complied with the standards and technical specifications set by the EU.

The same range of products is also provided to the Greek market.

The European Tender was proclaimed in 2007 and was completed in 3 (three) phases:

- 1. Participation in the tender and pre-selection of the companies fulfilling the requirements by the EU. (phase 1).
- 2. Quotation from the companies, which were selected in phase 1 (phase 2).
- 3. Supply of sample office furniture for further evaluation (phase 3)

During the phase 2, 23 companies from Europe and U.S.A handed their quotation. After a close examination, 6 companies from the 23, between them and DROMEAS SA were asked to offer Sample office furniture for further examination.

The office furniture were examined under terms of:

- § Ergonomic and operating finesses.
- § Resistance and Quality.
- § Esthetical Style.

- § Certification of products according to EU's requirements and standards.
- **§** Certification of raw materials concerning respect to the environment.
- § Certification for the production process concerning respect to the environment.

It is important to mention that for the first time a Greek company receives good critics compared to other European and American companies and is chosen as the most reliable, competitive offering office furniture of premium quality.

We are mainly proud because along with this success, we succeeded in making Greece known in the world as a country, which can manufacture competitive office furniture of premium quality.

The present success of DROMEAS SA offers a further certification and acknowledgement of the company's continuous effort not only to provide qualitative and competitive products, but a sequel as well of the important projects which has been accomplished since the company's foundation. This success emphasizes the acknowledgement of the company's efforts, since its foundation, for the development of innovative products, use of technology and product procedures.

This success is also a vindication of the strategic options concerning the vertical organization in the production line with equipment of high technology.

Finally, is closely related to the distinctions awarded to DROMEAS SA, the First Enterprising Prize, awarded by the Ministry of Development concerning the category of large Greek companies for the year 2007, the Award for The Health and Safety of the employees awarded by the European Union and others.