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MINISTRY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SOLIDARITY
General Administrative Director

Wednesday, the 15th of April 2009
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To: Mr. Emmanouil Kontopyrakis
Secretary General of the National
Statistical Service of Greece

Re.: Debt of public hospitals of Greek National Healthcare System

Dear Mr. Secretary General of the National Statistical Service of Greece,

We have been duly informed by the competent authorities of the Ministry of Health & Social Solidarity that the outstanding debt of the public hospitals of the Greek National Healthcare System (ESY) as of December 31st of 2008 is amounting approximately to 2.2 billion euros

Yours Sincerely,



Alexandra Papadia
General Administrative Director



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SOLIDARITY
SECRETARY GENERAL**

Athens, June 29th, 2009
Ref.: G.G. 1437/29-06-09

Dr. Emmanouil Kontopyrakis
Secretary General
National Statistical Service of Greece

Dear Dr. Secretary General of the National Statistical Service of Greece,

As we have already informed you, by the letter of our services, on the 15th of April 2009, the outstanding debt of the public hospitals of the Greek National Healthcare System (ESY) as of December 31st 2008 is approximately 2.2 billion euros.

Regarding the written statement by Deputy Minister of Health & Social Solidarity Mr. G. Papageorgiou on the 14th of April 2009, as well as the table submitted, besides the above debt of the public hospitals it also includes claims, by pharmaceutical companies, to social security services, something which is clearly stated on Mr. G. Papageorgiou's letter.

These claims for various reasons, such as deliveries under dispute, faulty deliveries, deliveries not abiding by the existing legal framework, are under investigation and the matter is expected to be settled by the end of the year.

Sincerely yours,


Aristidis Calogeropoulos - Stratis
Secretary General

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