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Liberian Registry celebrates 60 years

The Liberian Registry has kicked off its 60th year celebrations by honouring the Greek shipping industry at a celebration in Athens.

Speaking at a reception attended by many of the leaders of Greek shipping, Commissioner of the Bureau for Maritime Affairs Binyah Kesselly said, “President Johnson-Sirleaf and I both share in our beliefs that the Liberian maritime programme must be maintained as a ‘best in class’ operation. Our expectation is that the registry will continue to be an industry leader in customer service and focus, and as such we continue to work diligently with our agents LISCR to build upon our current successes to sustain and further develop this gold standard maritime operation, thus yielding a ship registry that protects the long-term interests of ship owners, our nation and our global partners.”

Noting that 450 of the current fleet of 2,800 ships flying the Liberian flag are from Greek owners, with 200 newbuildings also committed, Kesselly continued, “The support that many of you have, and continue to give through Liberia’s maritime programme provides us with the resources that are essential to meet the challenges that meet us for achieving our goals of full recovery as a nation. In just two years we are proud to say that Liberia has risen to meet monumental challenges and has achieved considerable success in peace and security, rehabilitating infrastructure, increasing governance and securing the blessings of peace and security for future generations of Liberians.”

Scott Bergeron, Chief Operating Officer of the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (LISCR), the US-based manager of the Liberian registry, says, “We have grown strongly in the last few years to 2,800 ships totalling over 115m dwt, and we have over 1,000 newbuildings committed. Those high quality owners choose Liberia because of its high standards. I join Commissioner

Kesselly in our commitment to sustain and further develop this gold standard, and to operate a ship registry that both serves and protects the long-term interests of shipowners, the seafarers who serve on these ships and the global environment which we all operate in.”

The Liberian Registry has a large presence at Posidonia and the opportunity was taken by Commissioner Kesselly, Scott Bergeron and the deputy commissioners Margaret Ansumana and Angelique Weeks along with Consul Nicholas Soutos to meet with Greek Mercantile Minister George Voulagarakis to discuss areas of common interest including the recent revisions to Marpol Annex VI (reducing sulphur and nitrogen levels in air pollution), Long Range Identification Tracking and how Liberia can co-operate with the EU to help the EU meet its delayed deadline to introduce the system. Discussions were also held on goal-based standards for the structure of tankers and bulk carriers, and a joint effort with Greece to train Liberian seafarers.

VISIT THE LIBERIAN REGISTRY AT POSIDONIA STAND NO 578

Click on the link to choose and download photos of the reception:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/Merlinclients/LiberianRegistry>

□ The Liberian Registry is one of the world’s largest and most active shipping registers, with a long-established track record of combining the highest standards for vessels and crews with the highest standards of responsive service to owners. It has recently surpassed all-time tonnage records, with 2,800 ships totalling almost 115 dwt currently registered.

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