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2024 – NEW YEAR'S WISHES

Dear Members and Friends,

The Board of Directors and Staff of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce wish you a happy, healthy and blessed 2024!

May this year be filled with empathy, positive changes, personal growth and great successes.

BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

07 February 2024 | New Year's Reception ATHENS | Joint Event with the British Embassy

A prominent business and social event **co-organized every year with the British Embassy**, which is attended by approximately **200 attendees** amongst which the BHCC Presidents and Board of Directors, BHCC members, senior guests from the Greek and UK political and entrepreneurial scene, high-ranking executives of sponsor-companies as well as selected guests-members of similar business bodies.

For more information regarding the Event's profile and Sponsorship opportunities you may contact Mrs Lina Dede, General Manager of the BHCC at +30 210 7210361.

Invitation and agenda will follow in due course.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within December 2023:

- **CENTRUS HELLAS SA**, [Centrus - Corporate Financial Advisors London](#)
- **BEYOND CSR LTD**, [BeyondCSR](#)
- **ENTAXY LTD**, [Entaxy](#)

BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

ENERGEAN | PRESS RELEASE

Morocco Country Entry and Farm In to Gas Development

London, 7 December 2023 - Energean plc (LSE: ENOG, TASE: אנרגאן) is pleased to announce that it has farmed into Chariot Limited's ("Chariot", AIM:CHAR) acreage offshore Morocco, which includes the 18 Bcm (gross) Anchois gas development and significant exploration prospectivity. This new country entry is well-

aligned with Energean's strategy to become the pre-eminent independent producer in the Mediterranean, with a focus on high quality gas assets.

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LAMDA DEVELOPMENT | UPDATE

ΕΡΓΟ ΤΗΣ ΧΡΟΝΙΑΣ 2023 το Κτιριακό Συγκρότημα για ΑμεΑ στο Ελληνικό



Ολοκληρώθηκε στις 31 Δεκεμβρίου 2023 η μεγάλη online ψηφοφορία του ypodomes.com για την ανάδειξη του ΕΡΓΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΧΡΟΝΙΑΣ 2023.

Η συμμετοχή ήταν εντυπωσιακή καθώς καταμετρήθηκαν πάνω από 15.000 ψήφοι - αριθμός ρεκόρ για την διαδικασία - και πάνω από 90.000 views που πιστοποιούν το μεγάλο ενδιαφέρον σε ένα διαγωνισμό που έχει γίνει πλέον θεσμός.

Πηγή: ypodomes.com

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SEASCOPE HELLAS | MANOS LORENTZOS, MANAGING DIRECTOR SEASCOPE HELLAS & BHCC VICE PRESIDENT

Re-appointment of Manos Lorentzos as Chairman of the New Board of Directors of the Hellenic Committee of Lloyd's Brokers' Associates (HCLBA)

Vice Chairman of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of SEASCOPE GROUP in Greece, Mr Manos Lorentzos, has been recently re-elected Chairman of the Hellenic Committee of Lloyds Brokers Associates, one of the oldest professional organizations in the country (1938). It is going to be his 3rd term as a Chairman, having also spent two (2) terms as a Vice Chairman. The Committee has very close business ties with the UK Insurance Industry, the Chamber therefore aims to establish a mutually beneficial for both the Chamber and the Committee cooperation.

We wish Mr Lorentzos every success in his new role.

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03 January 2024

Ανασκόπηση ελληνικών εξαγωγών προς το ΗΒ κατά τη δεκαετία 2012-2022. Οι εξαγωγές τροφίμων-ποτών

Δεδομένης της διαχρονικής σημασίας της βρετανικής αγοράς για τα ελληνικά προϊόντα αλλά και τις μεταβολές που επέφερε στις εμπορικές συναλλαγές των δύο χωρών η έξοδος του ΗΒ από την ΕΕ, εξετάζεται, στην έρευνα, η εξέλιξη των ελληνικών εξαγωγών προς τον συγκεκριμένο εμπορικό εταίρο κατά την διάρκεια της δεκαετίας 2012-2022. Έμφαση δίδεται στην βιομηχανία τροφίμων και ποτών, καθώς τα τελευταία κατέχουν εξέχουσα θέση στη σύνθεση των ελληνικών εξαγωγών προς την εν λόγω αγορά, αλλά και γενικότερα.

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20 December 2023

Νέες απαιτήσεις σήμανσης (Labelling) τροφίμων προέλευσης ΕΕ στην βρετανική αγορά

Από την **1η Ιανουαρίου 2024**, όλα τα τα προσυσκευασμένα τρόφιμα και ποτά που διατίθενται προς πώληση στη Μεγάλη Βρετανία (Αγγλία, Ουαλία και Σκωτία), **θα πρέπει να αναγράφουν στην ετικέτα επωνυμία και ταχυδρομική διεύθυνση Υπεύθυνου Επιχείρησης Τροφίμων (Food Business Operator-FBO) εντός ΗΒ** (συμπεριλαμβανομένων των Νήσων Μάγχης και Νήσου Μαν). Ως εκ τούτου, εάν η επιχείρηση παραγωγός των τροφίμων δεν βρίσκεται στο ΗΒ, θα πρέπει να συμπεριληφθεί στην ετικέτα **η διεύθυνση εισαγωγέα που βρίσκεται στο ΗΒ**.

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07 December 2023

Διεθνείς Εμπορικές Εκθέσεις στο Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο 2024

Σημαντικές διεθνείς εμπορικές εκθέσεις που διεξάγονται στο Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο το 2024.

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05 December 2023

Οικονομικές εξελίξεις στο Η.Β.: Επενδύσεις

Οικονομικές εξελίξεις στο ΗΒ: (α) σημαντική επένδυση Microsoft στο ΗΒ, (β) υπογραφή πολιτικής συμφωνίας για σύνδεση ΗΒ στο ευρωπαϊκό πρόγραμμα Horizon A.

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28 November 2023

Διμερές εμπόριο ΗΒ-Ελλάδας (Ιανουάριος- Αύγουστος 2023)

Ανάλυση των στοιχείων της βρετανικής Υπηρεσίας Εσόδων και Τελωνείων (HMRC) για τις διμερείς εμπορευματικές συναλλαγές ΗΒ-Ελλάδας, κατά την περίοδο Ιανουάριος- Αύγουστος 2023 (8μηνο).

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27 November 2023

Prime Minister Sounak unveils £29.5bn of investment at historic Global Investment Summit

Thousands of jobs will be created across the UK in the most innovative sectors, including tech, life sciences, renewables, housing and infrastructure.

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**UK GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC)
NEWS & UPDATES**

UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

05 January 2024

UK Cyber Governance Project

Government has commissioned Arculus Ltd to undertake a pilot project to support directors of UK organisations to improve how they govern cyber security risk.

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03 January 2024

Pathway for zero emission vehicle transition by 2035 becomes law

80% of new cars and 70% of new vans sold in Great Britain will now be zero emission by 2030, increasing to 100% by 2035.

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22 December 2023

Border Target Operating Model: information leaflets for businesses

Information to help businesses prepare for a new approach to importing goods to Great Britain under the Border Target Operating Model.

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20 December 2023

New vision to create competitive carbon capture market follows unprecedented £20 billion investment

Government sets out plans for a new competitive UK carbon capture, usage and storage market by 2035 - delivering new jobs and supporting net zero.

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14 December 2023

Major boost for hydrogen as UK unlocks new investment and jobs

Eleven new production projects helping to place UK at forefront of hydrogen industry and bring progress towards net zero ambitions.

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Security measures strengthened to bolster UK data storage protections

Tougher security and resilience measures for data centres operating in the UK to protect against potential disruption.

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12 December 2023

Plan to move Government roles out of Westminster brought forward and new headquarters unveiled

The Government brings forward target to relocate 22,000 roles out of London from 2030 to 2027. Aberdeen, Darlington and Greater Manchester are to host second headquarters for major departments.

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05 December 2023

UK dedicates £140 million to help countries switch to cleaner energy

Net Zero Minister Graham Stuart has announced further details of £140 million to support developing countries deliver net zero while growing their economies.

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BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

03 January 2024

BCC QUARTERLY ECONOMIC SURVEY: BUSINESS CONFIDENCE BOOST FAILS TO REVIVE INVESTMENT

- Business confidence improves in Q4, with 56% of UK businesses expecting an increase in turnover in the next twelve months.
- Despite this boost, most firms continue to report no improvement in sales, cash flow or investment.
- Downward trend in price growth expectations ends with more expecting their prices to rise over the next three months.
- Hospitality sector continues to struggle disproportionately, with nearly a third (32%) of firms reporting a decrease in investment.

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19 December 2023

BREXIT AT THREE: FRESH TRADE CHALLENGES GROWING

- Almost two thirds (60%) of firms trading with the EU say it is now more difficult to do so than it was a year ago.
- Almost half (49%) of exporters disagree the Brexit deal is helping them grow sales.
- Two fifths (41%) of firms exporting under the Brexit deal say they face difficulties adapting to its rules on buying and selling goods.
- The BCC has sent the Government a report setting out pragmatic solutions to many of the issues.

A new survey by the BCC's Insights Unit of 733 businesses (97% SMEs) shows the difficulties facing British firms in using the Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA) have not eased.

The BCC report also highlights a fresh set of challenges approaching as UK and EU regulations diverge, creating further headaches for traders on both sides of the Channel.

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14 December 2023

TOUGH YEAR AHEAD AS INTEREST RATE STAYS HIGH

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13 December 2023

SECOND POOR MONTH FOR EU EXPORTS

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12 December 2023

BCC's BUSINESS COUNCIL FOCUSES ON WORKFORCE ISSUES

Workforce issues were the focus of the BCC's second Business Council meeting, alongside Work and Pensions Secretary Rt Hon Mel Stride MP and Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary Liz Kendall MP.

The new body, comprising some of the most prominent British businesses, has been brought together to work in partnership with politicians to drive the future of the economy at this crucial time.

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INVESTMENT IN SKILLS VITAL AS VACANCIES CONTINUE TO FALL

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BCC WELCOMES DELAY TO EV SALES TARIFFS BETWEEN UK AND EU

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RED TAPE, REGULATION & COSTS HOLDING BACK EXPORTS

- Almost half (49%) of businesses say current customs checks and declarations are a barrier to exporting. This rises to 62% for manufacturers
- Taxes and duties, due to tariffs, are the next biggest stumbling block for two fifths (40%) of firms.
- Regulations, such as product certification, cause problems for a similar proportion of businesses (38%)

A survey of almost 650 UK businesses by the BCC, has shown that customs checks, tariffs and regulation are the top three barriers to exporting.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Global Annual Conference 2024

- **Thursday 27 June 2024**
- **QEII Centre, London**

British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Global Annual Conference 2024 will bring together business leaders, policy experts, media and government representatives to tackle important business issues and create lasting change.

Conference theme for the 2024 Global Annual Conference is "*The Future of the Economy*".

Five expert groups, chaired by British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) President, Baroness Martha Lane Fox CBE, have started to develop recommendations for the future of the UK economy, which we'll be launching early next year. The 2024 conference will bring together these recommendations and discuss the key challenges to build a better future for business, the economy, and people in our local communities.

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