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We hereby propose the nomination of Mr. George Papavassiliou for the position of FIG Vice President.

Mr. Papavassiliou, a professional surveying engineer, has for many years and through various positions, actively participated and intervened in engineers' affairs and business in Greece.

During his university years, he was elected Vice-President of the Rural and Surveyor Engineers Students Association, while when graduated and started his career as Surveying Engineer, he was elected General Secretary of the Hellenic Association of Rural and Surveyor Engineers (HARSE).

He has been elected for 22 consecutive years as member of the Executive Committee of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG). Technical Chamber of Greece is the umbrella Association representing all University graduate engineers in Greece and also acts as the technical advisory organization to the Hellenic state. Moreover, TCG organizes several seminars, local and international conferences and workshops.

Mr. Papavassiliou has for several years been responsible for TCG international activity. He has participated as the Head of the Hellenic Delegation in several FIG conferences and working Weeks, and he is the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for the FIG WW 2004 in Athens, working closely with the LOG for the success of this conference.

Over the past years, Mr. Papavassiliou, except for his direct involvement as surveyor engineer in the private sector through his own companies (in Field Surveying, Photogrammetry, GIS, Cadastral Surveying and Road Design studies), has also been appointed to several high governmental positions and has worked intensively for the interests of the engineers in Greece.

He served for 9 years as the President of the Greek Pension Fund of Engineers, participated in the first Board of Directors of the Hellenic Cadastral Organization and led as the President the Greek Productivity Center.

During his tenure as President of the Athens Water Supply and Sewage Organization, he led the modernization and restructuring of the company, which was successfully floated in the Athens Stock Exchange Market.

He then became the President of Workers' Housing Organization and at the same time the President of the 2004 Olympic Village Corporation, the company undertaking one of the most important and largest scale projects of the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, that of the construction of the housing complex for the residence of the athletes and the Olympic community during the Games.

Currently, Mr. Papavassiliou is the President and Managing Director of the Athens Urban Transport Organization Group (OASA), consisting of the transport authority and the operating subsidiary companies. As President of OASA, he is also President of the operating subsidiary companies of the Thermal Buses (ETHEL), Trolley Buses (ILPAP) and Metro (ISAP). The whole group is responsible for the planning, organization and operation of all transport modes in the Athens metropolitan area, which under the Olympic Games challenge requires a constant professional devotion and an outstanding managing skill.

We strongly believe that Mr. Papavassiliou is a high-qualified and experienced Surveying engineer and that FIG will be benefiting a lot from his experience. We assure you that Mr. Papavassiliou will have the financial and professional support of the TCG for his work in FIG.

The president of the TCC

Yiannis Alavanos