Piraeus Port Authority SA was founded in 1930 as a public entity, which was converted into a Limited Company by means of Law 2688/1999; since 2003 it is listed on the Athens Stock Exchange. Its purpose is to manage and operate the Port of Piraeus, where it is seated, or other ports. The Company’s scope spans throughout the whole range of port services, for all kinds of vessels, cargos and passengers. Moreover, PPA leases to third parties the use of premises and facilities under its responsibility.

The Port of Piraeus is the main sea gateway of Greece and one of the largest in the Mediterranean, since its geographical position makes it a focal contact point between the islands and the mainland, as well as an international marine tourism and transit trade center. The PPA functions as a development lever of the local and national economy, since its operations may affect the social and financial well being of thousands of citizens and businesses; moreover, it plays a significant role in the developments in the fields of shipping, tourism, islands and maritime and land transports.
COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES OF PIRAEUS

Piraeus Port offers unique advantages because of its strategic position and its infrastructure. It is the natural port of Athens just 10 Km away from the capital, it is the country’s main imports and exports gateway. It is the first European port after the Suez Canal with the necessary infrastructure to serve transit trade and overland transports.

- Strategic location on Asia - Africa - Europe’s crossroads
- Adequate infrastructure and natural depth to serve the largest modern container, car and cruise ships.
- Operation of container terminals in the Free Zone of Type I
- Operation of container and car terminals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Multiple arrivals - departures of large (mother) container ships to and from China / Far East
- Large network of feeder services’ container ships to all nearby ports in the Mediterranean, Black Sea and the Adriatic.
- Land transport by train or by road to the Balkans and Central Europe
- Implementation of an integrated information system for all port operations
- Operating conditions and safety on the basis of international standards and regulations (ISPS).
- Certification by AEO - Authorized Economic Operator
- Qualified and experienced staff for all port functions

ONE PORT – MANY USES

The PPA is a modern and dynamic port services business. It continuously expands its infrastructure, improves the services provided by upgrading quality, protects the environment and provides high security services on the following areas on its passenger and commercial harbors.

Container Terminals
Car distribution terminals [Car Terminals]
Cruise Ferry Terminals
Shipyards Services
Logistics
Container Terminals

- Among the 10 largest in Europe (in traffic terms)
- The biggest trans-shipment center of Eastern Mediterranean.
- Cooperation with the largest shipping companies and alliances
- Infrastructures appropriate to best serve the largest container ships in the world
- Railway connection with national and European network
- Continuous Operation (24x7)
- Integrated Port Services (water supply, waste management, etc.)
- Modern equipment
- Experienced and qualified staff
- Depth of the sea - 19m.
- Favorable climatic conditions (e.g. no tide)

Two Container Terminals operate in the port of Piraeus. PPA SA manages Pier I and SEP SA manages Piers II and III. The Container Terminal of the Port Authority of Piraeus has capacity of 1,000,000 TEUs, infrastructure and equipment of high standards and capability to offer advanced stevedoring and container management services. The Container Terminal of SEP SA, a subsidiary of COSCO PASIFIC Ltd, has management capacity of 4,800,000 TEUs. This concession to COSCO PASIFIC Ltd. signed after international tender, has a duration of 30 + 5 years. Based on this agreement investments have been made for the reconstruction of Pier II and the construction of the East Pier III. Additionally, under the Amicable Settlement Agreement of 2014 the construction of West Pier III has started, which, when completed by 2017, will raise the management capacity of Piers II and III to 6,200,000 TEUs.

Car Terminals

- 2 berths with total area of approximately 190,000 m2 and 1.5 km long
- Annual capacity of about 600 thousand vehicles
- Continuous operation (24x7)
- Integrated Port Services (water supply, waste management, etc.)
- Small damage ratio
- Of the largest Car transshipment center in the East Mediterranean
- Car transit ability through rail link
- Increased available space with height extensions and with modern parking facilities for specific types of vehicles
- International Standards Certification ISO 9001: 2008 (Quality) and ISO 14001: 2004 (Environmental Management)

Demand for automobiles’ transit services in the Eastern Mediterranean, Black Sea and North Africa places Piraeus port at the center of current developments. The list of port customers include most major automakers. The completion of the new on-harbor railway station and its connection with the national and European network will enable the transit of cars to and from Central Europe and Balkan countries, making Piraeus one of the biggest automotive logistic centers in the Mediterranean.

The total management capacity of Piers II and III together with the capacity of Pier I, make Piraeus Port the largest Container Terminal in the Mediterranean. Piraeus from 2017 will be the only Mediterranean port that will be able to simultaneously service 5 mega container ships over 18,000 TEUs.
Ferry Stations

- The largest passenger port in Europe (15.8 mil. Passengers in 2015)
- 6.3 million Passengers in coastal shipping
- 7.4 mil. Passengers on Salamina ferry
- 2.1 mil. Passengers in the Saronic Gulf
- Quays of total length of 2.8 km and draft reaching to 11 m
- 2.5 million annual traffic of vehicles
- Ferry connection to many Aegean islands on a daily basis
- Integrated Port Services (water supply, waste management, etc.)
- Access to the city center in 30'

The human face of the services of the Main Port is a basic choice of PPA. In this context, the company makes an effort to continuously upgrade the infrastructure of passenger terminals (Vassiliadis Passenger Coast Terminal, Ietion Passenger Terminal, St. Dionysios Cruise Terminal, Tzelepi Passenger Coast Terminal) and the relevant services to better serve its coastal passengers.

- Construction of fully equipped passenger waiting areas based on international standards
- Construction of fully equipped facilities for people with disabilities on the basis of international standards.
- Free transport of passengers on PPA buses within the Main Port
- 24 hour information services by calling 16541
- Free wireless internet
- Electronic notice boards for travelers.

Cruise Terminals

- Cruise Center in Eastern Mediterranean
- 9-11 simultaneous berthing positions and 3 positions for new generation ships
- Total length 2.8 km. and draft up to 11 meters.
- Continuous operation (24x7),
- 3 fully equipped passenger terminals of approximately 13,000 m3
- Infrastructure for 200 parking places for buses plus VIP helipad
- Integrated Port Services (water supply, waste management, etc.)
- Expansion of the southern port with 2-3 positions (350m +) to serve the new generation cruise ships
- Updated logistics to serve the major cruise lines
- Free bus travel within the port
- Walking distance from the major tourist destinations of the Aegean
- Near Athens, the historical capital of Europe, and the Acropolis, one of the leading European tourist destinations
- Free wireless internet

International Qualifications
On the occasion of the Olympic Games, Piraeus port evolved into a modern service and hospitality hub. Indicatively, as regards passenger transits, the 600,000 journeys in 2004 have increased now to 2,000,000 journeys per year.

The vision and strategy of PPA is to make Piraeus a growth factor for the cruise industry. In 2015 totally 1,678,490 cruise passengers were recorded. From these 284,246 were home porting passengers that increased by 10.95% vis a vis 2014. It is known that the benefits from increased cruise traffic shall diffuse both to local communities and the general national economy, especially in the case of cruise itineraries using Greek ports as ports of departure (home porting). For this reason, the Management of the Port of Piraeus has focused its efforts on the development of home porting, thus trying to attract major cruise companies and to thereby strengthen the national effort for growth.

Shipyards facilities

- Planning, development, management and marketing of shipbuilding and related activities.
- Targeted investments to upgrade existing infrastructure and install new equipment to allow ship repair services for every type and every size vessels.
- Development of ship repair logistics to support business.
PPA SA has an onsite operator at the Type I Free Zone area, namely “Piraeus Consolidation & Distribution Center S.A.” company. In its modern facilities within the FREE ZONE of Piraeus Container Terminal, it provides integrated Logistics services and offers spaces of different specifications that enable handling of general and dry cargo, preserved and refrigeration products, as well as flammable and chemical materials.

Ample space is available through the underground connection to the former ODDY area.

Logistics

Centrally located in the Port
Free Zone status
Immediate service
Steady and seamless operation

Interconnection of all alternative modes of transport, via sea, road, rail, air
Simplifying procedures with time and cost savings
Safe-proof immediate innovative solutions by specialized experienced staff, using modern equipment and high technologies
Extended opening hours and experienced staff ensures the continuous and constant coverage of market needs

Corporate social responsibility

PPA aims to contribute to solutions to environmental and social issues, which are inextricably linked with the life and the social fabric of the cities surrounding the port facilities. PPA Company has always recognized its own responsibility in terms of the principles and values that characterize our culture. PPA attracts economic growth and it currently expands its economic contribution to the local and national economy by means of a social and environmental strategy that reflects its history.

Supports with grants and donations:

- Humanities, sporting and cultural activities
- Non-profit organizations working on strengthening vulnerable social groups
Environment

Protection is a priority for PPA in the provision of port services. The aim is to prevent, monitor and address environmental impacts associated with the daily operation of port services.

It monitors developments in environmental legislation and new technologies that are developed to protect the environment and ensure the upgrade of its environmental performance.

It is member in the ECOPORTS European ports network since 2011. This network aims at the cooperation and exchange of views and best practices among European ports on issues related to environmental protection. PPA’s environmental performance was the main criterion for its inclusion in the ECOPORTS network.

The Environmental Management System applied is accredited by PERS / Port Environmental Review System. PERS has been developed by the European Sea Ports Organization ESPO as an Environmental Management System specifically set for port services.

For the evaluation and improvement of environmental performance, quality monitoring programs are applied to monitor the atmospheric, sound and marine environment, while the waste management of PPA’s land facilities have been organized in such a way as to enhance recycling and reuse.

The involvement of all staff is essential to achieve positive results and is encouraged through educational and information programs. Services for environmental protection are also offered to vessels, including ship waste reception facilities. Ships can deliver waste and cargo residues, generated during their journey, for proper management at the port’s reception facilities.

The energy needs of a port are huge, both for the operation of buildings and facilities, as well as for the servicing of cargo and ships. Measures are taken to use energy in an efficient and cost saving way. A 430 KWp Photovoltaic Station is expected to operate soon, which shall lead to very significant reduction in energy cost and shall fully implement the environmental quality management system. Moreover, the lighting bulb replacement program shall lead to 14.2% energy savings with payback in 3.5 years, while 82.6% savings for maintenance shall be achieved. The landscape configuration of the port is also pursued and to that purpose green building actions are implemented by selecting specific plant species suitable for the local conditions and with low maintenance needs. This way, along with the aesthetic improvement of the area also improved microclimatic conditions are achieved in the region.

In conclusion, sustainable development is a key priority for the Port Authority of Piraeus. PPA is not only a very big business for Greece but also a major organization that can and should play a key role in the growth of the national economy.
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