**Constantinos Xydas**

 ***Curriculum Vitae***

He was born in Nicosia in 1951. After graduating from the Pancyprian Gymnasium, he studied at the Department of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering of the School of Chemical Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens, on a scholarship sponsored by the Greek State Scholarship Foundation (GSSF), receiving various distinctions. Later on, he obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Oxford.

During his professional career he has been involved in various sectors of the mining, quarrying, metallurgical and other industry, as well as in the field of energy production. At the first stages of his career, he worked in companies of the Hellenic Mining Company Group, holding various positions such as General Manager and Director. Subsequently he was the principal driving force for the creation of the state-of-the-art mining and metallurgical company Hellenic Copper Mines, which he runs since its establishment 20 years ago.

He also worked in mining enterprises in Greece and participated as a consultant in missions in Africa, Asia and Australia. He was a member of the negotiating group for the signing of the Hermes Airport contracts with the State and he also presided over various committees during the new airports project study.

He is an active member of scientific and other associations which develop social action.

He is married and father of two children.