behind every great company lies an abundance of great life stories



## **ELPEN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY: CARING FOR PEOPLE**

How many companies can actually make this claim so convincingly as ELPEN?

Presently, **ELPEN Group employs 720 people**(while continuously striving to maintain a steady number of job positions without downsizing), with an annual turnover of **170 million Euros, ranking 7<sup>th</sup>** among the major 300 pharmaceutical companies in Greece, and **ranking 1st** with a huge difference, among the absolutely Greek pharmaceutical companies in the country.

Located in Pikermi-Attiki, ELPEN is built on privately owned land covering **10.000m<sup>2</sup>**, featuring a state-of-the-art manufacturing plant. The company specializes in the research and development, manufacture, distribution, and promotion of pharmaceutical products.

Our company's research and development primary product is **Rolenium®**, for the treatment of asthma and COPD, a combination product consisting of two ingredients: **fluticasone and salmeterol** (fluticasone+salmeterol dry powder for inhalation).

The administration of the combination ingredients is done by means of the inhalation of doses using our original, patent-protected, inhaler device: **ELPENHALER®**. This novel inhaler device is the invention of ELPEN's Founder and Chairman, **Dimitrios Pentafragas**, an original product which is already patented in over 100 countries!

It is noteworthy to mention at this point that ELPEN is the first ever pharmaceutical company, WORLDWIDE, to be granted a marketing authorization for the combination product fluticasone + salmeterol, to be launched in Europe!

This substantial achievement for ELPEN was merely the precursor to the many distinctions that were followed during the same year: The "Diamond" award (Most Admired Enterprises 2011 award) from STATBANK, and the "True Leader" award (regarding Greek pharmaceutical companies) from the ICAP Group.

Following these awards, another important form of recognition and honor was given to ELPEN when **Sir Magdi Yacoub** himself publicly expressed his admiration for the company's great achievements in the sector of R&D, publicly praising the substantial contribution of ELPEN's Experimental Research Center, stating that their work is truly a "fantastic and novel project". (The Experimental Research Center has already been awarded by The Athens Chamber of Commerce, in 2005, with the "Research and Technological Development" award.)

For forty-five years now, ELPEN continues to strive for greatness in the field of Science with sacred determination and focus.

We are very proud of the fact that during these bleak and difficult times of grave economic recession, ELPEN is a beacon of hope and strength for Greece, an added value for the Greek economy, through our excellence in technology, exports, and distinctions on a worldwide business front!

