

**PRESS RELEASE**

**TRASTOR to support the battle against COVID-19 by financing the upgrade of the Hellenic National Blood Centre facilities**

Wanting to actively support the national effort against the Covid-19 pandemic, Trastor REIC shall assume all cost related to the facilities and equipment upgrade of the Hellenic National Blood Centre's (E.KE.A) laboratory. This upgrade shall expand the centre's molecular testing capacity and support the battle against Covid-19.

The initiative is a joint decision between the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Trastor's management as the Hellenic National Blood Centre is expected to play a pivotal role during the second phase of the national plan against Covid-19. Amongst others, the national plan provides for an increase in the number of molecular tests, thus enabling the gradual restart of the economy and society's return to normality. Such government plan and measures are expected to be announced tomorrow.

Trastor's CEO, Mr. Tassos Kazinos, made the following statement: "Now is the time for each one of us, collectively and individually, to assume responsibility. As a small token of gratitude to the heroic efforts of our nation's healthcare professionals who are saving human lives every day and in response to the Prime Minister's call, we are assuming all related costs for the upgrade of the facilities and equipment of E.KE.A's laboratory. This upgrade will expand the centre's capacity to perform reliable molecular tests for Covid-19. All of us together can support our country to get through this unprecedented challenge, in the shortest time possible and with the minimum cost to human life. United, we can work responsibly to aid the recovery of the economy and support social cohesion."

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