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**Bilfinger Berger strengthens industrial and power services:
European Commission approves acquisition of MCE**

The European Commission has approved Bilfinger Berger's acquisition of industrial and power services provider MCE. The Group will comply with the conditions laid out by the Commission and sell a small part of MCE's activities in piping systems. The activities in question account for 4 percent of MCE's annual turnover of about €900 million.

The purchase of MCE will be finalized by the end of this year. Bilfinger Berger is thus taking a further step forward in the expansion of its services business. MCE specializes in the design, construction and maintenance of facilities in the process industry and the energy sector; its business operations are centered in Austria and Germany.

The services business has been a profitable growth area at Bilfinger Berger for years. In the coming year, more than 50 percent of the Group's output volume will be generated in services for the first time.