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opérant dans les secteurs de l'eau, de  
l'énergie, des transports et des  
télécommunications

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Bereich der Wasser-, Energie- und  
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