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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## VINCI acquires fire protection company in Germany

VINCI Energies, a VINCI subsidiary, has acquired the German company, GFA.

GFA operates in the active fire protection sector, which aims to ensure the safety of people and property using dynamic equipment such as sprinklers and fire detection systems for rapid action in emergency situations.

GFA generates annual net sales of approximately €20 million and has 150 employees in Germany and the Czech Republic.

The acquisition strengthens VINCI Energies' network of European companies specialising in fire protection. Annual net sales generated by VINCI Energies in this sector now amounts to €180 million.

VINCI Energies is ranked second in Germany's fire protection sector through two subsidiaries, Calanbau and GFA. In France, the company is market leader through its subsidiaries TPI, Protecfeu and Lefort PI.

Number one in France and a leading player in Europe in energy and information, VINCI Energies generated net sales of over €3 billion in 2002, of which 30% outside France. VINCI Energies has 26,000 employees working in a network of 800 companies in over 20 countries.

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