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Bilfinger Berger: Interim Report Q1 2007

- **Growth course continues**
- **Improved quarterly earnings**
- **Further increases in output volume and earnings**

In the first three months of 2007, Bilfinger Berger once again increased its volume of business and improved its quarterly earnings. All of the segments increased their profit contributions compared to the first quarter of last year.

Higher output volume, orders received and order backlog

The Group's first-quarter output volume rose by 23% to €1,988 million. Orders received increased to €2,532 million, surpassing the figure for the prior-year quarter by 8%. The order backlog rose by 19% to €9,212 million.

Significant improvement in first-quarter earnings

EBITA amounted to plus €16 million (Q1 2006: -€3 million). The net interest result was zero (Q1 2006: +€3 million). Earnings before taxes increased to plus €13 million (Q1 2006: -€2 million), while net profit after minority interests rose to plus €7 million (Q1 2006: -€2 million).

Positive development in the business segments

In the Civil business segment, strong international business led to a substantial increase in output volume. The Building and industrial business segment is experiencing an increased willingness to invest among its key clients in Germany. Although prices for material and subcontractor services are rising, Bilfinger Berger once again expects a positive contribution to net profit from its German building-construction business. The three divisions in the Services business segment – Industrial services, Power Services and Facility Services – continued their positive development. In the Concessions business segment, financial close was achieved on three new projects already in the first quarter of this year.

Further increases in output volume and earnings planned

Bilfinger Berger intends to increase its output volume and to achieve further improvements in EBITA and net profit in full-year 2007. The return on capital employed will once again surpass the cost of capital of 10.5% significantly (2006: ROCE 16.3%).