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## Techinfra expands in the Frankfurt region through the acquisition of Keil & Purkl, validating Techinfra's strategy

The newly established Gimv portfolio company Techinfra, which has already owned Rohrleitungsbau Münster since the beginning of 2023, acquires Keil & Purkl Tiefbau GmbH (<https://keilundpurkl.de>) in the Frankfurt/Rhein-Main region. Techinfra thus strengthens its pipeline construction activity, enters the sewer construction and specialized civil engineering segment and acquires expertise in soil management and soil liquefaction. The former owners, namely Peter Keil, Ralf Purkl, Sören Gehm, and Nikolaus von der Hude, reinvest through the transaction in Techinfra and will provide long-term active support to the company.

The objective of Techinfra is the preservation, expansion, and development of critical infrastructure, which, also through the energy transformation, needs to be modernized or build new. Through this strategic acquisition Techinfra strengthens its presence in the German market and broadens its service spectrum to become a comprehensive provider for the expansion and maintenance of pipeline construction and cable laying networks, as well as specialized civil engineering across a wide range of supply media going through pipes and cables. Keil & Purkl, a well-positioned company in specialized civil engineering and pipeline construction, becomes after Rohrleitungsbau Münster, the second member of Techinfra's fast growing group, confirming Gimv's vision and investment thesis.

**Peter Keil, Managing Director of Keil & Purkl Tiefbau GmbH, comments on behalf of the sellers:** *"The combination with Techinfra enables us to ensure a solid future and growth perspective for our customers and employees well into the next decade."*

**Udo Kiewel, Managing Director of Techinfra, regarding the future prospects:** *"In collaboration with Keil & Purkl, we have the capability to expand our service spectrum and offer a broader range of services in the field of critical infrastructure to more customers. We are confident that we together form a strong partnership to address the challenges associated with preserving and expanding our utility networks, ensuring a reliable supply to our society."*

*"We are delighted to welcome Keil & Purkl as the second renowned company to join Techinfra in such a short time due to our entrepreneurial approach. Market growth of critical infrastructure is continuously driven by increasing demand as well as the energy transformation – a good prerequisite for Techinfra to successfully continue its chosen growth path, and also inspire further companies to join the attractive platform of Techinfra," adds Maja Markovic, Chairwoman of Techinfra's advisory board and Partner Sustainable Cities at Gimv.*

Further details of the transaction have not been disclosed.

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### ABOUT KEIL & PURKL TIEFBAU GMBH:

Keil & Purkl is a medium-sized company with around 100 employees in civil engineering and pipeline construction in the Rhine-Main region with headquarters in Groß-Zimmern, a branch in Mainz-Kostheim and a site in Darmstadt for soil preparation. In addition to classic infrastructure construction, the company focuses on specialized civil engineering and, with its AK1 certification, has proof of competence for the laying and testing of wastewater pipelines and sewers of all materials and nominal widths, especially at depths of more than five meters with the associated structures in open construction types under difficult conditions. Furthermore, the rehabilitation of pipelines and specialized civil engineering with girder pile wall shoring, with icing and in contaminated areas are part of his competences.

For further information about Keil & Purkl Tiefbau GmbH, please visit <https://keilundpurkl.de/>

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## ABOUT TECHINFRA:

Techinfra, with more than 450 employees, is a dynamically expanding full-service provider for the expansion and maintenance of pipeline construction and cable laying networks and specialized civil engineering across a wide range of supply media. Techinfra brings together established companies and regional market leaders who pool their expertise in the planning, engineering and expansion of infrastructure networks and effectively exploit new growth potential in order to serve customers from the utility and disposal sectors, but also from industry, more holistically. The aim is to create a leading group in the highly fragmented infrastructure construction sector through organic growth and the acquisition of further specialists and regionally established companies. The group offers a variety of growth and development opportunities for the future of companies and its employees.

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## ABOUT GIMV:

For over 40 years, Gimv has identified innovative, entrepreneurial companies with high growth potential and supported them as a European investment company on their path to market leadership. Gimv is listed on Euronext Brussels, currently has a portfolio of around EUR 1.5 billion in investments in around 60 participations with a combined turnover in excess of EUR 3.7 billion and employs 20,000 people.

As a recognized market leader in selected investment platforms, Gimv identifies entrepreneurial, innovative companies with high growth potential and supports them in their transformation into market leaders. Gimv's five investment platforms are Consumer, Healthcare, Life Sciences, Smart Industries and Sustainable Cities. Each platform works with an experienced team across Gimv's home markets of Benelux, France and DACH, supported by an extended international network of experts.

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