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Acquisition of a majority stake in Yantai Zhifu Graphite (China)

Mersen is announcing the signature of an agreement to acquire a 60% stake in Yantai Zhifu Graphite.

Based in Shandong province (China), Yantai Zhifu Graphite, which has 50 employees, specializes in the machining of graphite components used in the production of monocrystalline silicon for the solar photovoltaic industry. Through this deal, Mersen, which already owns facilities in Chongqing and Kunshan active in the high-temperature applications of graphite, is reinforcing its production base serving the fast-expanding solar energy market in China.

The acquisition fits perfectly with the Group's strategy of expansion notably based on its strong positioning in renewable energies and Asia.

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