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"The M&E sector has suffered for a prolonged period, with the recession reducing demand significantly, and the subsequent flat economy failing to rectify the situation." – Terry Leggett, Senior Analyst

## This report looks at the following areas:

- Can M&E margins be increased again after the extreme price pressure of the past few years?
- Will the market grow in excess of average UK economic activity?
- Will growth arise from new construction or repair and maintenance?
- Which end use sectors offer the best prospects?
- Will continued public spending restrictions be more than offset by the buoyancy of the private sector?

The M&E sector has suffered an elongated period of difficulties, reflecting the downturn in demand from the new construction sector and consequent over-capacity. Even the less volatile maintenance sector has suffered from price pressure. New construction demand is now growing strongly, with prospects of not only real-term growth in a sector that will expand ahead of the UK economy, but also a correction of prices that is expected to further improve market growth.

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