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-  Employers
-  Post services
-  Banks, credit authorities
-  Security and guarding companies
-  Vehicle hire agencies.

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