



Press release

## Tamoil unveils its vision for the future of the Collombey-Muraz site

**Collombey-Muraz, 16 June 2021 ... After conclusively abandoning the refining activities of its Collombey plant in 2020, Tamoil SA today announced its future intentions for the rehabilitation of this exceptional site, which at some 120 hectares is one of the largest single industrial sites in Switzerland. Tamoil has taken the initiative to rehabilitate and upgrade the entire site in a sustainable manner and with a global approach, rather than single plot by single plot, to ensure a harmonious development to the benefit of the entire region.**

Tamoil is acutely aware of the importance of the site for the future of the commune and of the region as a whole. Tamoil therefore has sought to ensure that its development proposals are in line with plans for the surrounding area. In particular, they must be in line with the draft zoning plans of the communes of Collombey-Muraz and Monthey, as well as the 4th generation agglomeration project and the intermunicipal director plan. The team at Tamoil is working hand in hand with the authorities, and has amongst others commissioned the same urban planning office as the commune of Collombey-Muraz, the Agence Luc Malnati in Geneva, in order to maximise synergies and coherence between the various upcoming development projects.

### The master plan, a roadmap for future development

The site will mainly retain its industrial vocation, with some agricultural and forestry plots. The aim is therefore to ensure the most effective possible transition to a lighter and cleaner type of industry, based on new technologies and new energies, by building up a forward-looking business hub which provides a pleasant and convivial working environment, with an emphasis on green spaces and soft mobility.

Tamoil proactively took the first steps towards re-imagining the site in 2019, granting Agence Luc Malnati a mandate which included the following specifications:

- o Propose an urbanisation framework which takes its inspiration from existing elements
- o Take into account the project 3 correction of the Rhône
- o Facilitate access to the Rhône

- o Propose a framework for shared public spaces
- o Make the site attractive, a good place to work, with plenty of green spaces
- o Propose a harmonious development
- o Connect the two banks of the Rhône
- o Diagnosis
- o On this basis, draw up a masterplan

The masterplan provides a general vision for the future, a development programme for the site and an organisational structure which will subsequently be further detailed within zoning plans and municipal development plans. The approach to this extensive site is focused on urbanisation: where the roads will run, what the main sectors are, which plots are better or less suited for which use, etc. The strength of this vision is based on its economic feasibility, with a phased strategic development of tailor-made and diversified business districts. The masterplan aims at an overall coherence for the entire territory, the key element being a governance that brings together Tamoil and the municipality.



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The masterplan is ready to be implemented as soon as the dismantling and remediation work at the refinery is completed. Tamoil is working on it in parallel so that progress can be made as quickly as possible, with no time lost.

## Dismantling work

The dismantling work will initially be carried out in two parallel phases: on the one hand, the dismantling of the tanks and retention basins, which will start in August; and on the other, the dismantling of the refinery units. Solutions have been found to lift the objections which had been lodged concerning these

worksites have been lifted, and the final permit for both phases has been issued, although it remains subject to objections until the end of June. The work should therefore start in August. One of the objectives is to maximise recycling and recovery, in particular of the cement and steel which represent 90% of the materials.

A third stage will be launched subsequently and will comprise the demolition of the remaining buildings and chimneys. Remediation work, which covers only 2% of the site, is underway and will be completed in 2028. The dismantling of the refinery is expected to take about four to five years, based on experience at other sites.

### A few figures:

- Over 1,000 pieces of equipment
- 54 tanks with a total capacity of 461,000 m<sup>3</sup> (approx. 615 million 0.75 litre bottles or almost 200 Olympic-sized swimming pools)
- Over 90 km of piping
- 30 electrical transformers, 8 electrical substations
- Approximately 30,000 tonnes of steel