

## **MAIRE TECNIMONT GROUP'S NEXTCHEM AWARDED BY TOTALENERGIES AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR A BIOJET PLANT IN FRANCE**

- **The Front-End Engineering Design contract is a first step towards implementing a plant for processing up to 400,000 tons annually of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), or BioJet, at Total's Grandpuits zero-crude platform, due to be operational in 2024**
- **The project is part of TotalEnergies's plan to convert its Grandpuits industrial site into a zero-crude platform, essential for the company's ambition to reach carbon neutrality by 2050**

*Milan, 3 June 2021* - **Maire Tecnimont S.p.A.** announces that its subsidiary **NextChem** has been awarded a contract by **TotalEnergies** to carry out a **Front-End Engineering Design** and supply its technological know-how to implement a **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) plant** in Grandpuits, France, capable of processing 400,000 tons per year (ton/y). The project is part of the plan to convert the Grandpuits Refinery into a zero-crude platform that will include a Bio Refinery, where NextChem is already engineering Europe's first plant to produce compostable and biodegradable plastics, with a capacity of 100,000 ton/y.

The BioJet plant, due to be operational in 2024, will strengthen NextChem's role in TotalEnergies's net-zero strategy as a major part of the Grandpuits Refinery "zero-crude" platform development, known as "Projet Galaxie".

The "Projet Galaxie" will produce BioJet fuels by treating primarily animal fats from Europe and used cooking oil. This new unit will be aligned with France's roadmap for the deployment of sustainable aviation biofuels, which includes a target of 2% by 2025 and 5% by 2030.

SAF (or BioJet) technological know-how is one of NextChem's key component of its green-tech portfolio that makes Maire Tecnimont Group a key enabler of the Energy Transition. Contributing to a sustainable mobility through a wide range of

solutions for the production of green, low carbon and biofuels is one of Maire Tecnimont Group's priority goals towards 2025, within its sustainability strategy.

**Pierroberto Folgiero, Chief Executive Officer of Maire Tecnimont Group and NextChem** commented: *"We are very happy to continue strengthening our strategic collaboration with a prestigious global player like TotalEnergies: being the partner of choice for its ambitious Grandpuits energy transition project is exciting, as innovative corporations have pioneering goals and may make the difference in Europe's challenging path to decarbonization. Combining Maire Tecnimont's leading experience in EPC contracting in the natural resources transformation sector worldwide, with NextChem's focus on deploying solutions in carbon footprint reduction through the development of new technologies is a winning value proposition. The air transportation sector is looking for biofuels solutions urgently, to cope with the challenging targets for GHG emissions reduction. This partnership will give a concrete answer to a concrete need."*

TotalEnergies is investing in low-carbon activities with strong growth, like bioplastics and renewable fuels production, with the ambition of getting to net zero in Europe by 2050.

**Virginie Merini, Senior Vice President Renewable Fuels at TotalEnergies:** *"We are very pleased to launch this next stage, alongside with our partner NextChem. Signing this contract is an important milestone as it reinforces our commitment to speed up our growth on the renewable fuels market with the ambition to produce close to 5 million tons of renewable fuels a year by 2030."*

#### **Maire Tecnimont S.p.A.**

Maire Tecnimont S.p.A., listed on the Milan Stock Exchange, heads an industrial group which leads the global natural resource transformation market (downstream oil & gas plant engineering, with technological and executive expertise). Its subsidiary NextChem operates in the field of green chemicals and technologies in support of the energy transition. The Maire Tecnimont Group operates in approx. 45 countries, through approx. 50 operative companies and about 9,000 people. For further information: [www.mairetecnimont.it](http://www.mairetecnimont.it) [www.nextchem.com](http://www.nextchem.com)

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