

PRESS RELEASE

## **Continuous consultation launch for the establishment of CARBON's mega-factory in Fos-sur-Mer**

*Fos-sur-Mer, March 12, 2024* – **The industrial company CARBON is embarking on a new phase of consultation regarding the project to establish a mega-factory for photovoltaic panels at the Grand Port Maritime of Marseille-Fos, under the aegis of the National Commission for Public Debate (CNDP). An initial information meeting will take place on March 20, 2024, at the Maison de la Mer et du Sport in Fos-sur-Mer at 6:00 PM.**

Following the preliminary consultation, which took place from September 11 to October 30, 2023, around the project to establish a mega-factory for photovoltaic panels in Fos-sur-Mer, **CARBON confirmed its intention to proceed with its project.**

In accordance with Article L121-14 of the Environmental Code, **CARBON has committed to extending, in conjunction with its partners, the work of information and dialogue initiated during the preliminary consultation with local residents, local stakeholders, and the general public aware of the project.** This commitment responds to the guarantors' recommendation to maintain dialogue with the territory.

In this context, **a public information meeting will be held on March 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM**, at the Maison de la Mer et du Sport in Fos-sur-Mer, in the presence of the CNDP guarantors, to present their report, the responses, and commitments made by CARBON following the consultation.

This will also be an opportunity for CARBON **to present to the public the latest news on the project and to clarify the modalities of the ongoing consultation.**

Throughout this process and until the public inquiry planned for the summer of 2024, **the public can continue to inform themselves, ask questions, and express their opinions** on the project, particularly on the consultation's website: [www.concertation-carbon-solar.com](http://www.concertation-carbon-solar.com)

**Two other public meetings will be organized afterward, the first in spring 2024 and the second before the summer of 2024.** The exact dates will be published on the consultation's website. They will allow presenting **the results of the impact and danger studies**, which were not available at the end of the preliminary consultation, and **to review the ongoing consultation and detail the objectives and modalities of the public inquiry.**

Looking back at the preliminary consultation, the process in numbers:

- **7 weeks** of debates;
- **6 thematic public meetings** and more than **600 participants**;
- **3 mobile debates** with more than **a hundred participants**;
- **74 contributions** and more than **6500 visits** to the dedicated website for the preliminary consultation.

## About RTE

RTE, the manager of the French electricity transmission network, carries out a public service mission: ensuring the electricity supply at all times and with the same quality of service across the national territory through the mobilization of its 9,500 employees. RTE manages the electrical flows and the balance between production and consumption in real-time. RTE maintains and develops the high and very high voltage network (from 63,000 to 400,000 volts) which includes more than 100,000 kilometers of overhead lines, more than 6,000 kilometers of underground lines, 2,800 electrical substations in operation or co-operation, and 51 cross-border lines. The French network, the most extensive in Europe, is interconnected with 33 countries.

As part of its public service missions, RTE ensures the connection and non-discriminatory access to the public electricity transmission network. As the manager of the public electricity transmission network in France, RTE processes the connection request of Carbon's project to the public electricity transmission network, making RTE a co-project owner.

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## About CARBON

Europe is quickly reaching a point of no return: it must decarbonize its economy and at the same time establish its energy sovereignty. In this context, CARBON, a French initiative with a European presence, wants to contribute to the sustainable reindustrialization of France and Europe by building a large-scale industrial solution for the solar sector.

CARBON, a French company located in Lyon and Marseille, brings together an unprecedented coalition of entrepreneurs, industrial operators, and solar professionals, all of whom are both convinced of the need for energetic transition in response to the climate challenge, and are determined to create local employment by contributing to the reconstruction of an entire



industrial network, that CARBON's success will contribute to consolidate and amplify: R&D centers, equipment manufacturers, raw material suppliers, modules assemblers...

Our project? A 5 GWp gigafactory integrating the core of the photovoltaics industrial value chain to produce in France and widely market competitive, reliable, sustainable, high-yield and ultra-low carbon PV cells and modules, fully traceable and compliant with the highest ESG standards. This 4.0 and 100% electrical gigafactory will be located on the maritime industrial zone of Fos-sur-Mer (South of France), on a 45 hectares plot. The result: more economic sovereignty and energy independence for France and Europe, at least 3,000 direct industrial jobs and 40 million tCO<sub>2</sub>e emissions avoided in 10 years.

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