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## **SUSTAINABILITY AT 'METRO UNBOXED': RECYCLING RATE OF OVER 90%**

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Using resources sustainably is a core topic at METRO. Therefore the company will dismantle the temporary exhibition pavilion completely after the 'METRO unboxed' exhibition and renature the site. Almost all of the materials from the pavilion will be either reused or recycled. 'From the approximate 100 truckloads of material that were needed to construct the pavilion, more than 90% - figure weight related will be reused by the companies involved,' said Otto Schweitzer, a project manager at Nüssli - the primary contractor responsible for the building construction.

To achieve this quota, the recycling potential of every single component used in the project was carefully assessed. In line with the motto 'reduce, reuse, recycle', everyone involved in the project paid close attention to an economical use of materials already in the planning stage. That's why most of the furniture used at the stands are rented. The skeletal structure, the building's support frame and the exhibition walls including the poles and connectors are also hired: the standard material can be easily used for other structures. The same applies to the air-conditioning, heating, electrical, lighting and sound systems. Individual custom-built for the exhibition will be kept by METRO and available for future trade shows and events.

Most of the objects which could not be rented will also be reused once 'METRO unboxed' has finished, including the sandwich panels -the outer shell of the building. The façade consists of untreated wood. The long wooden boards can be reused and the short ones can be processed into wooden pellets, for example. Similar applies to the planks on the terrace. All of the standard chipboards used for the floors will be reused and only those which have been cut to shape will be disposed. The trapezoidal sheet and the insulation material of the roof as well as the ventilation pipes are also reusable. The carpeting, the roof stays, the roofing underlay and the scrap wood cannot be recycled. These materials will be properly disposed.

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