



## New Undertakings

TAMPERE AND NOKIA HAVE JOINED FORCES TO ESTABLISH THE KOLMENKULMA BUSINESS ESTATE, WHICH WILL COVER A TOTAL OF 800 HECTARES. THE FIRST SITES ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCCUPATION IN 2007.

One of the largest and most modern business estates in the Tampere Metropolitan Area can be found at the intersection of three cities and three main roads. The Kolmenkulma business estate, which will incorporate more than 600 hectares of new business space, occupies a key strategic position close to the cities of Tampere, Nokia and Ylöjärvi, at the crossroads of Highway 3, Highway 11 and the E12.

Kolmenkulma will be a neighbour to the region's existing business parks – Myllypuro in Tampere, Kankaantakaa in Nokia and Soppeenmäki in Ylöjärvi. There are already almost 300 businesses established in the immediate vicinity of Kolmenkulma, including, amongst others, companies involved in metalwork, machinery and automation, rubber and construction materials, as well as logistics and wholesale businesses ranging from major international players all the way down to SMEs.

Several locally based enterprises lead the world market in their respective fields, Sandvik Tamrock, Nokia, Metso Minerals and Pilkington Automotive Finland to name just four. The intention at Kolmenkulma is to continue to draw businesses together from a wide variety of specialist fields and

to form functional business clusters that represent and solidify the region's core commercial and manufacturing strengths.

"Businesses operating within the same commercial field can gain significant synergy benefits and facilitate effective subcontracting," says Touko Rauma, Project Manager for the Kolmenkulma initiative. "Kolmenkulma can be an effective foundation on which a variety of regionally strong business sectors build, a place where cooperation and partnerships result in innovation and market-orientated concepts."

According to Rauma, Kolmenkulma will generate up to 10,000 new places of employment. Just as important, the site will attract new business and reinforce the reputation of the Tampere region as a foremost location for Finnish business, and the Kalkku Intersection is set to become a regionally strong business and service cluster.

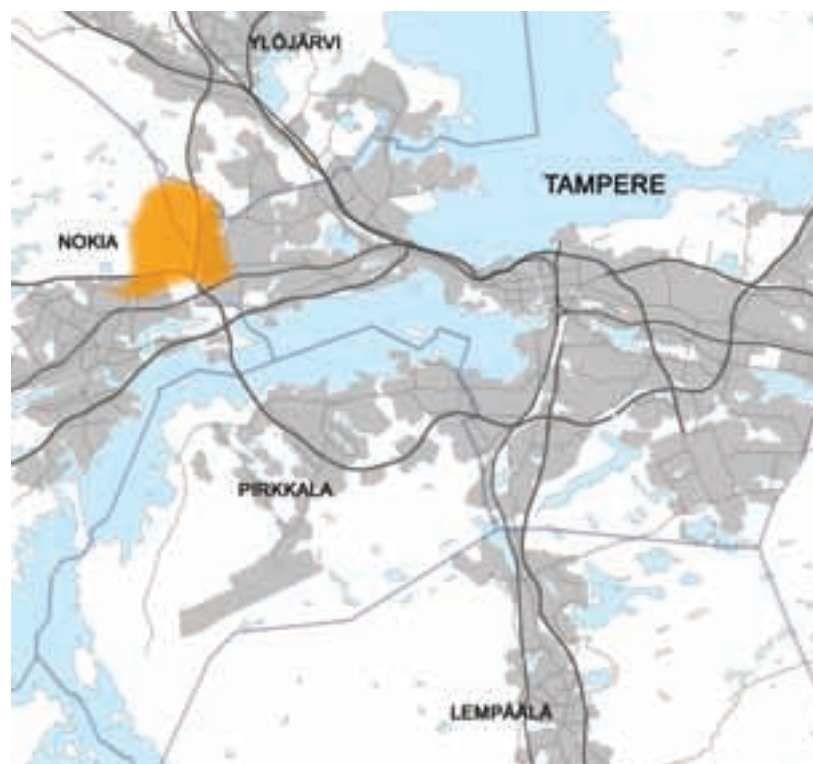
The logistically impressive location of Kolmenkulma – only a 10-minute journey by express road from Tampere-Pirkkala Airport – is proving to be a major selling point. The centre is already receiving a steady flow of interest from businesses. The first plots on the site are being handed over to businesses in 2007.

Kolmenkulma, a large-scale business park initiative with immense promise, is another strong sign of the Tampere region's economic vitality and a significant addition to the many modern infrastructure development projects that have been completed in and around Tampere in recent times.

For companies working in the international logistics and cargo sector, the creation of Kolmenkulma is particularly significant – as tenants move in and business takes off at the site, the demand for freight, logistics and cargo specialists will undoubtedly increase. Business travel is set to rise too, as internationally active companies of all sizes take up their spaces at Kolmenkulma.

One of the prime reasons why companies are preparing to establish new operations at Kolmenkulma Business Estate (and at Myllypuro, Kankaantakaa and Soppeenmäki) is its proximity to an important international airport, ensuring fast flight times and efficient freight logistics services to major European markets. Tampere-Pirkkala Airport and Pirkkala CLX Business Zone are two very significant assets.

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