

Responsibly Produced Peat in process to renew certificate

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Responsibly Produced Peat intends to renew the RPP-certificate to the company named in this document. This intended decision is based on the fact that the company meets the requirements of the RPP certification scheme version 3.0. The fulfilment of the criteria is checked by an independent qualified inspector, including inspection at location.

During a period of 6 weeks, from **August 25 until October 7, 2023** Responsibly Produced Peat offers parties concerned the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed decision. Questions and comments can be sent to info@responsiblyproducedpeat.org. Without further objections, after this comment period, the certificate for the location in concern will be renewed for another 5 years.

Company name	Torf- und Humuswerk Gnarrenburg GmbH Am Kanal 6, 27442 Gnarrenburg, Germany
Extraction site	Name site: Kolheim
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: X: 498975,44 Y: 5912729,28 (WGS84 UTM Zone 32N)
	Total licensed area: 55 ha
	License information: License number 66:6632.30.016/-01
<p><u>Site description:</u> The license area is situated in the Gnarrenburg Municipality, approximately 2,5 km South of the village center of Gnarrenburg. It belongs to the Findorf district. Before peat extraction began, the area was used for agriculture. Adjacent to the extraction area, there are agricultural grassland, fields and plantation areas. Residential buildings of the Findorf dis-trict border to the south-east (see figure 1).</p> <p><u>Protected areas:</u> There are no nature conservation areas or landscape protection areas within the direct vicinity of the extraction site. There are no designated water protection areas within the vicinity of the extraction site. There are no European bird sanctuaries nor FFH areas (flora fauna habitat) within the direct vicinity of the extraction site.</p>	

Time in exploitation: since 2001

Expected end of extraction based on peat resources:

The peat extraction license is valid from 11.10.2001 to 30.06.2030.

Since the mining site is divided into several mining sections where mining has progressed to different degrees, it is difficult to predict the complete end of mining. Mining will end at the latest when the permit expires.

Remarks resulting from re-inspection: No specific remarks

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See images below for license boundaries and nearest protected areas



Figure 1: Aerial view of the extraction site



Figure 2: Areal view of environment

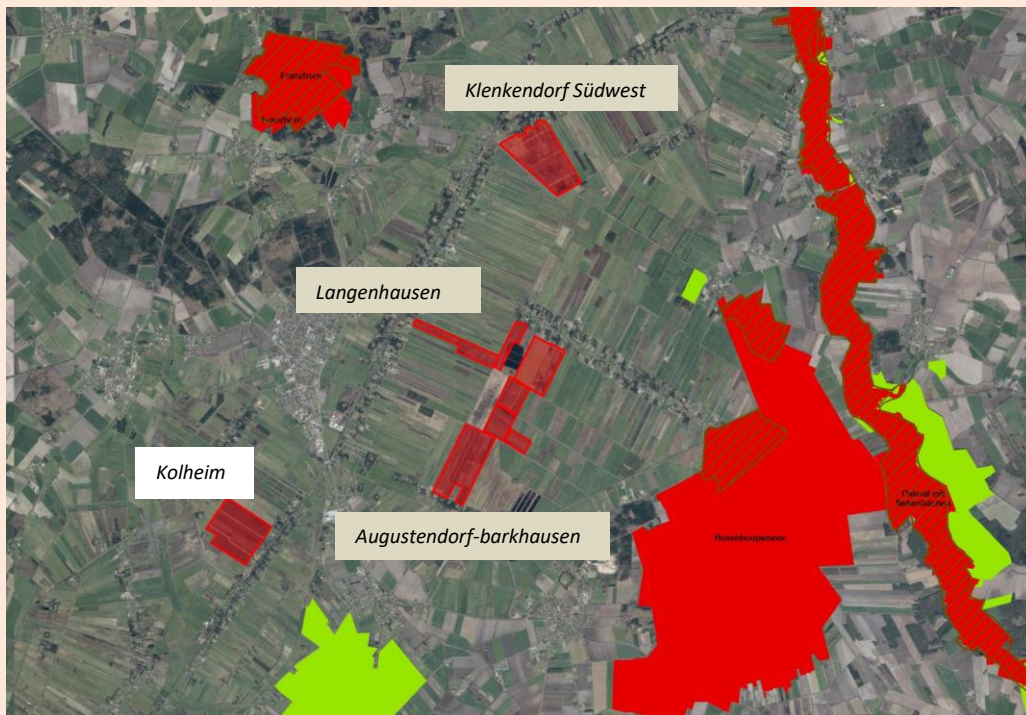


Figure 3: nearest protected areas (solid green and red) for the peat extraction locations of Torf- und Humuswerk Gnarrenburg