

Responsibly Produced Peat in process to grant certificate

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Responsibly Produced Peat intends to grant 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 **November 6 until December 18, 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 will be granted to the company for the location in concern.

Company name	Neova Oy PL 22, 40101 Jyväskylä/ Yrjönkatu 42, 40100 Jyväskylä, Finland
Extraction site	Name site: Okssuo
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : N 60.824621 Longitude: E 23.939317
	Total licensed area: 136 ha
	License information: License number 133/2007/4, LSY-2004-Y-143
Site description	
<u>Environment of the location:</u> Okssuo is located in Hykkilä village, about 10 km east of the center of the of Tammela municipality, on the south of Forssa-Hämeenlinna highway no 10. Surrounding area of Okssuo is mainly agricultural settlement. There are summerhouses on the shores of the nearby the lakes Oksjärvi and Pehkijärvi. The nearest houses are located approximately 200 - 300 m to north from the edge of the production area. Within a radius of about 500 m from the production area, there are a total of about 20 year-round or leisure apartments. Along the route of the drainage water the nearest residential and holiday properties are located on the banks of the Oksjoki River, which is about 700 m from the production area measured along the water route.	
<u>Protected areas:</u> The nearest conservation and Natura areas are located 4-5 km from the area. There are no Finnish Important Bird Areas (FINIBA) or Important Bird Areas (IBA) near the inspection area, at a distance of less than 5 km from the border of the area.	

Time in exploitation:

Preparation for the peat production started already in 1999. Peat production in the Okssuo area started at 2001.

Expected end of production based on peat reserves:

Peat production in the Okssuo area is estimated to continue for several more years. Peat production will proceed gradually meaning that on part of the area peat production comes to an end and areas will be transferred to the next land use, while in the other parts the production is estimated to continue still for over 40 years. Based on the current estimation and known peat resource the production is estimated to continue for until 2065.

License valid till: until further notice

Remarks resulting from inspection:

- Peat depth maps should be prepared according to the existing information. These are ordered from the Geological survey and the maps will be provided before August 2024.
- Plastic covers of the stock piles must be modified in a way that would prevent them to catch wind and blow away. RPP will be informed when and how it was done (explanation and photos) within a year.

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next page for license boundaries.

