

## 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](mailto: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	<b>Neova Oy</b> PL 22, 40101 Jyväskylä/ Yrjönkatu 42, 40100 Jyväskylä, Finland
Extraction site	Name site: <b>Valkianeva</b>
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: <b>Latitude : N 62.556872</b> <b>Longitude: E 22.925634</b>
	Total licensed area: <b>265,6 ha</b>
	License information: License number <b>LSSAVI/5358/04.08/2014, no 95/2016/1</b>
<b>Site description</b>	
<u>Environment of the location:</u> Valkianeva is located on the west side of the center of Peräseinäjoki close to Finnish Main Line railroad in the areas of Seinäjoki city and Jalasjärvi municipality. Surrounding land use in the vicinity of the production area is mainly forestry and peatlands. In the south, the production area borders the Peräseinäjoki-Jalasjärvi road. To the south of the area is the Haukineva peat production area. There are 15 residential buildings and 4 leisure houses located mainly on the southwest side of the area less than 500 meters from the production area.	
<u>Protected areas:</u> There are no nature conservation areas owned by the state or on private land, Natura 2000 areas (SPA, SAC or SCI) or Finnish Important Bird Areas (FINIBA) or Important Bird Areas (IBA) areas 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 in the late 1970's and peat production in the Valkianeva area started at 1980. Peat production in the Valkianeva area is estimated to continue for several more years.

Expected end of production based on peat reserves:

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 more than 30 years. Based on the current estimation and known peat resource the production is estimated to continue for until 2057.

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.

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next page for license boundaries.

