

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	SALDUS MELIORACIJA SIA Melioratoru iela 6, Namiki, Lutrinu pagasts, Saldus novads, Latvia
Extraction site	Name site: Kirmeniekū-Dadzu
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : N 56.508980 Longitude: E 22.300059
	Total licensed area: 93,30 ha
	License information: License number CS20ZD0068
Site description	
<u>Environment of the location:</u> The site is entirely surrounded by forest. In the north, behind a narrow belt of forest, there is arable land. There is a peat moss-rich bog woodland made up of Scots pines and spruces approximately 300 m south of the mining site right at the edge of the Dazdi bog that can be classified as 91D0* (bog forest). This corresponds to the habitat types published in the "OZOLS" information system (see figure 1). Link: https://ozols.gov.lv/pub	
<u>Protected area:</u> The priority bog woodland in the south is fed by water flowing in from the edges of the bog complex. The proportion of peat moss is significantly higher in this area than further north. In this respect, it can be assumed that the excavation site has no significant influence on the occurrence of the bog woodland.	

Time in exploitation:

Peat extraction at the deposit was started in 1972 until 1998 it was carried out by the Saldus Melioration Construction Board [Saldus meliorācijas celtniecības pārvalde]. Starting from 1998, peat extraction is performed by the "SALDUS MELIORACIJA" SIA.

Expected end of production based on peat reserves:

The first field at the earliest in 12 to 20 yrs, the last field in 55-88yrs (starting from 2023)

License valid till: 31.05.2034

Remarks resulting from inspection:

The company has will have meeting with authorities to start restoration works in a small subfield at the end of 2023 or 1st half in 2024.

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See figure 2 for license boundaries.

Figure 1:

Habitat types of the Habitats Directive in the surrounding of the Dazdi excavation site (green shaded area = 91D0*)



Figure 2:

