

## 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>SALDUS MELIORACIJA SIA</b> Melioratoru iela 6, Namiki, Lutrinu pagasts, Saldus novads, Latvia
Extraction site	Name site: <b>Tirela</b>
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: <b>Latitude : N 56.721977</b> <b>Longitude: E 22.784994</b>
	Total licensed area: <b>135,2 ha</b>
	License information: License number CS20ZD0077
<p><b>Site description</b></p> <p><u>Environment of the location:</u> The Tirela excavation site is embedded in forest areas, including mainly spruce forests. Scrub forests on former clearings or herbaceous stands on recent clearings are also common. Around a quarter of the total of 272 hectares of the 400 m research buffer area can be classified as habitat types of the Habitats Directive. These include the habitat types 7110*, 7120, 9010*, 9050 and 91D0* (see figure 2). The OZOLS information system does not indicate the habitat type 7120 (figure 1). Link: <a href="https://ozols.gov.lv/pub">https://ozols.gov.lv/pub</a></p> <p><u>Protected area:</u> Habitat type 7110 (active raised bog) is particularly sensitive; towards the edges it is already degraded and corresponds more to habitat type 7120 (transition mires and quaking bogs). During the site inspection, the habitats were checked and it was concluded that no further mitigation measures are necessary.</p>	

**Time in exploitation:**

The operation of the site was started in 1972 by Saldus melioration PMK. From 1998, peat extraction in the deposit is performed by "SALDUS MELIORACIJA" SIA in accordance with the State Geological Survey of 29.07.1998.

**Expected end of production based on peat reserves:**

Since the bed of the peat bog is not even, extraction in some parts of the field may end sooner. Approximate years till recultivation have been provided to RPP. The first subfield ends in 2-3 years, the last in 40-50 years.

**License valid till:** 08-07-2053

**Remarks resulting from inspection:**

The company will have meeting with authorities in the 1st half of 2024 at the latest, to start restoration works in a small subfield.

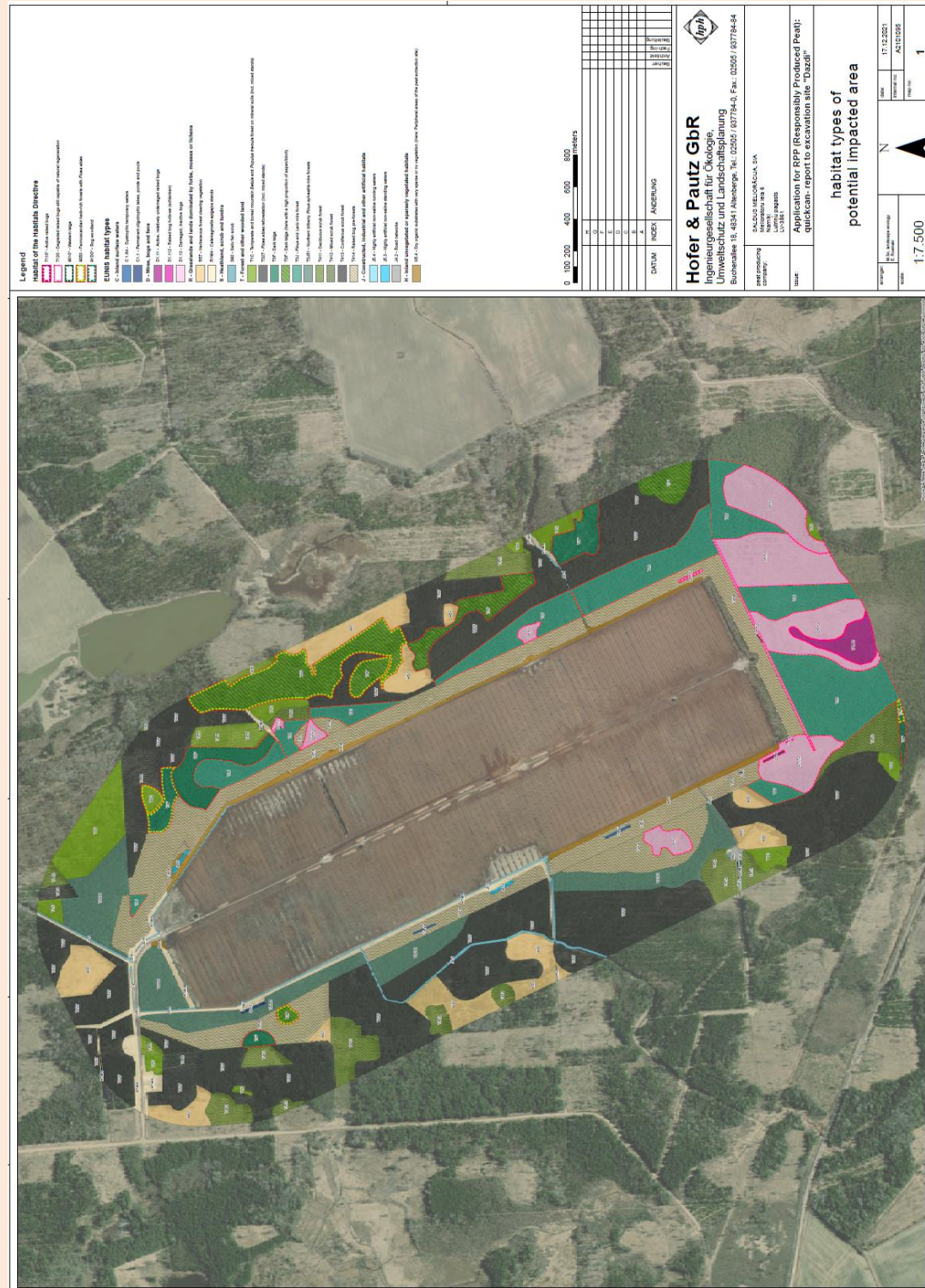
Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See figure 3 for license boundaries.

**Figure 1:** *Habitat types of the Habitats Directive in the surrounding of the Spundini excavation site (information system "OZOLS") (orange = 7110\*, green = 9010\*, green outline = 9050, green with cross hatching = 91D0\*).*



**Figure 2: Habiat types of the Habitats Directive in the surrounding of the Spundini excavation site that include the habitat types 7110\*, 7120, 9010\*, 9050 and 91D0\***



**Figure 3:**

