

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 **October 23 until December 4, 2024** 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	AS Kraver Väike tn 2, Viljandi, Viljandimaa 71004, Estonia
Extraction site	Name site: Soosaare I
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : N 58° 33' 58.2'' Longitude: E 25° 52' 17.2''
	Total licensed area: 96,74 ha
	License information: License number VILM-026
Site description	
<p><u>Environment of the location:</u> Soosaare I peat production site is surrounded by pristine peatland areas, other peat production sites, forest and arable land. The closest dwellings are located at least 460 m distance from the peat production site. Alam-Pedja Natura 2000 area is bordering the service plot of the peat production site (see fig 1 and link below), where near the peat production site natura habitats 7110* are present. There are also several protected plant species in the vicinity of the peat production site (Eriophorum gracile, Neottia cordata, Goodyera repens, Dactylorhiza fuchsii, Dactylorhiza maculata), which are all located on the paludifying forest areas (near forestry drainage) at least 200 m distance from the peat production area, therefore there is no impact on them from peat production on Soosaare I site. https://xgis.maaamet.ee/xgis2/page/app/maardlad</p>	
<p><u>Protected areas:</u> In the Soosaare I peat production site, the vegetation and water level monitoring is conducted to evaluate the impacts on surrounding valuable peatland areas, also tree</p>	

growth and lidar data are collected using drones to evaluate the drainage impact. So far the monitoring shows that there are no impacts on the Natura 2000 site and 50 m buffer has been left on the service plot between the peat production site and Natura 2000 area. The monitoring will be continued.

Time in exploitation:

Peat production started in the 1980s

Expected end of production based on peat reserves: About 2080

License valid till: 28.12.2049

Remarks resulting from inspection:

There were no remarks

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See fig.2 for license boundaries.

Fig. 1: Alam-Pedja Natura 2000 area bordering Soosaare I

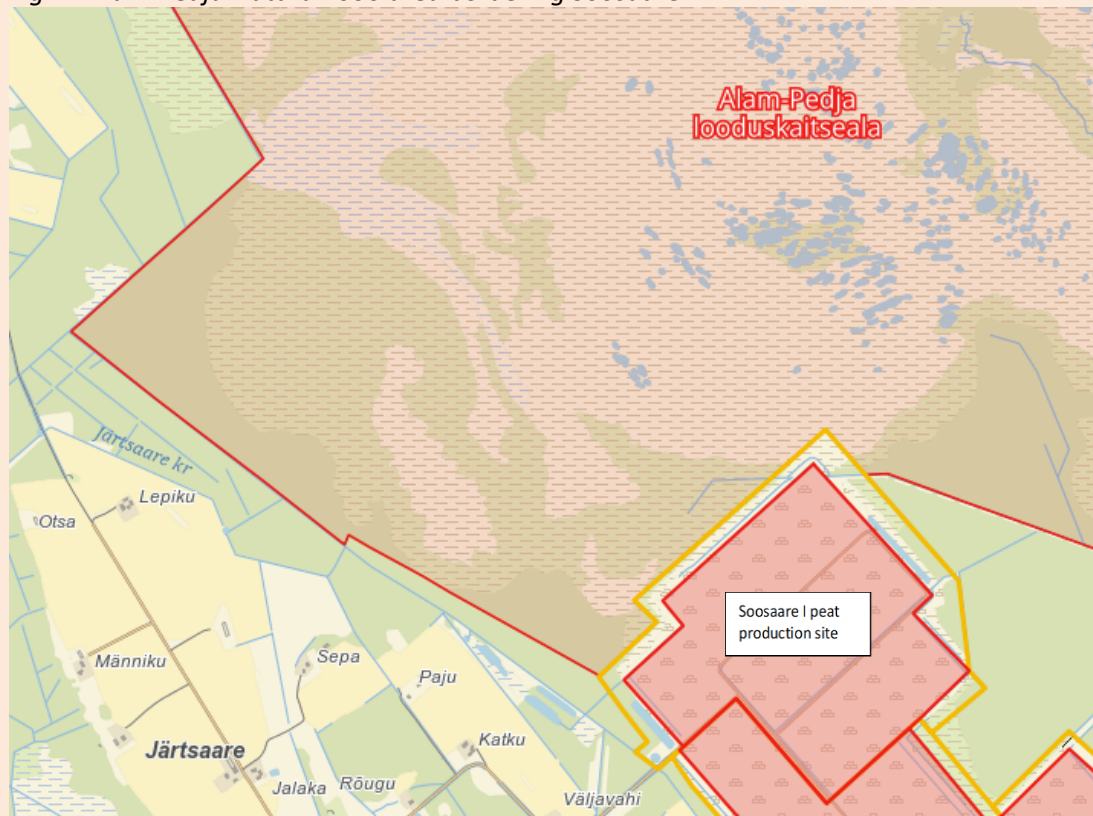


Fig. 2: Soosaare I borders and service area

