

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 15 until December 28, 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	Neova OY PL 22, 40101 Jyväskylä, Finland
Extraction site	Name site: Säärineva
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude : 62.501428 Longitude: 21.858280
	Total licensed area: 99 ha
	License information: License number: 106/2010/1; Drno LSSAVI/104/04.08/2010
Site description	
<u>Environment of the location:</u> The nearest building is located approximately 500 m west of the planned project area. There are no other buildings within 500 m. The surrounding area of Säärineva is mainly forest and marshland, but there are also arable areas south of the project area. In the vicinity of the production area, main land use is agriculture and forestry. A 110 kV power line runs through the northern part of the production area.	
<u>Protected areas:</u> There are no nature conservation or Natura 2000 areas in the vicinity of the peat production area or in its area of influence, that could be affected by the peat production. There are also no other noteworthy formations or small bodies of water, such as natural ponds of less than 1 ha or natural springs and streams according to the definition of Chapter 1, Section 17a of the Water Act, in Säärineva's area of influence. Due to the long distances,	

Säärineva's peat production also has likely no impact on groundwater areas. There are no wells near the area that could be affected by the production.

Before peat production the area was already completely drained, The changes in the area are not known to have had a significant impact on the natural values of the area in terms of vegetation and habitat types.

In order to reduce the environmental impact of peat production, the best available techniques (BAT) must be used. This means using the most advanced, efficient and technically and economically feasible production and water treatment methods and solutions. The water treatment of Säärineva's drainage waters includes sludge pockets and sludge traps, flow regulation dams, sedimentation basins and an overland flow field. The water treatment solutions of Säärineva meet the requirements of the best available techniques.

In order to reduce the effects of noise and dust of peat production, it is recommended to maintain a sufficiently wide vegetation zone around the production area.

Time in exploitation:

Peat production in Säärineva area started in 2020.

Expected end of production based on peat reserves:

Production in the area is estimated to end 2045.

License valid till: Until further notice

Remarks resulting from inspection: The RPP certification has been recommended

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See next page for license boundaries.

Säärineva license borders

