

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 28, 2024 to January 9, 2025**, 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.

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| Company name | Vestur OÜ Soosalla, Salla village, Lääne-Viru county 46302, Estonia |
| Extraction site | Name site: Salla |
| | GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Latitude: N 58°58'18.0" Longitude: E 26°22'04.6" |
| | Total licensed area: 188.27 ha (service plot 245.50 ha) |
| | License information: License number L.MK.LV-38053 |
| Site description | |
| <u>Environment of the location:</u> The site is located on sparsely populated area mainly used for forestry and agriculture, and drainage impacted forested peatlands. The site is located outside of the protection zones of cultural heritage objects. There are no protected species on site, whereas some habitats of protected birds (<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> , <i>Tetrao urogallus</i>) are present in the surrounding area. These areas have been affected by long-term forestry drainage. There are no current Natura 2000 areas nearby, but Environmental Board and Climate Ministry have initiated the creation of Peetla mire protection area which is planned to take into Natura 2000 network as Bird Area for compensation of the impacts related to military training ground. | |
| <u>Protected areas:</u> There are no adjacent areas with important natural values close by. | |
| <u>Time in exploitation:</u> Since the 1980s | |
| <u>Expected end of production based on peat reserves:</u> About 2076 | |

License valid till: 18-12-2049

Remarks resulting from inspection:

To follow up on a side condition from the license, within 2 years, an embankment made of compacted peat soil shall be built in the part of the service plot directly adjacent to the permanent capercaillie habitat of Peetla (or evidence that the Environmental Board has decided otherwise).

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See image below for license boundaries.

License boundaries Salla (yellow = service plot, red= mining plot)

