

## 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 **the 10<sup>th</sup> of April until 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 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](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>Meiners GmbH &amp; Co. KG</b> Hesterberger Straße 19, 27246 Borstel, Germany
Extraction site	Name site: <b>Hesterberg Feld 0 + 6</b>
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: Field 0 <b>Latitude : N 52.626266</b> <b>Longitude: E 8.966959</b> Field 6: <b>Latitude : N 52.629649</b> <b>Longitude: E 8.982398</b>
	Total licensed area: Field 0: <b>7,99 ha</b> Feld 6: <b>18,19 ha</b>
	License information: License number 551-31-033/101/2II
<b>Site description</b> <u>Environment of the location:</u> The planned extraction area belongs to the administrative district of Nienburg. The western expansion area (field 0) is located in the municipality of Steyerberg, the eastern expansion area (field 6) in the municipality of Pennigsehl. The extraction sites border the company's remaining extraction area to the south. To the north and south of field 0 and to the south of field 6 are forest complexes mapped as valuable areas in the 1984 - 2004 state-wide biotope mapping. As part of the vegetation survey for the EIA, the protected biotope type of birch scrub forest was mapped within the adjacent area to the north. Further south of field 0 is a documented focal occurrence of target species of the meadow bird protection program (limicoles).	

Other protected areas are further away from the extraction sites. There are no residential buildings in the immediate vicinity; the nearest farm is located approx. 500 m west of field 6. See also [environmental maps of Lower Saxony](#). (Umweltkarte Niedersachsen)

**Protected areas:**

The EIA describes general avoidance and mitigation measures related to the impacts identified, e.g.

- Maintaining safe distances from neighboring parcels of land and protective walls made of grown peat to prevent impairment of neighboring biotopes.
- Leaving a sufficiently thick residual peat layer and combined dredging and milling peat to avoid hydraulic ground failure.

**Time in exploitation:**

Field 0: 2013

Field 6: 2015

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

According to current calculations, field 0 is expected to end extraction in 2026 and the field 6 around 2038.

**License valid till:** There is no specific end date in the permit, but there is a statement in the application that mining will be completed in 2040. The application is part of the permit.

**Remarks resulting from inspection:**

The RPP certification is recommended

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

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