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Notice of initiating proceedings on an environmental permit

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Keskkonnaamet publishes this announcement under [Subsection 2 of § 47 of the General Part of the Environmental Code Act \(KeÜS\)](#).

Keskkonnaamet declares that OÜ MERKO KAEVANDUSED (registry code: [14872152](#)) (address Järvevana tee 9g, Kesklinna linnaosa, Tallinn, Harju maakond, 11314) an application for amendment of environmental permit No HARM-102 for extraction of mineral resources submitted by the half-gap in the mining allocation of the sand quarry II submitted by 28.12.2023 has been accepted for processing. The application accepted is registered in the Environmental Decisions information System EAGLE 28.12.2023 with the number DM-126815-1. OÜ MERKO MINES STATES in the application that the existing Poolvahe in the mining allocation of the sand quarry II will continue extracted mineral resources for up to five years and will apply for the extension of the mining allocation on the basis of subsection 68 (1) of the Earth's Crust Act. In addition, the extension of the period of validity of environmental permit No HARM-102 by 15 years is requested. The applied Poolvahe sand quarry II is located on state-owned properties in the village of Raudoja in Anija Parish, Harju County, semi-Poolvahe sand quarry (cadastral identifier: 14001:003:0233; Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture of the administrator of state assets and authorised authority Land Board) and Kolga Forest 81 (cadastral identifier: 14001:003:0234; Head of State assets Climate Ministry and authorised authority State Riigimetsa Majandamise Keskus). The area of the proposed mining claim is 33.81 ha and the area of the service area of the proposed mining claim is 40.48 ha. The area of the existing mining claim is 28.07 ha and the area of the mining claim service plot is 40.49 ha. Thus, the area of the mining claim extends by 5.74 ha and the area of the mining claim service area decreases by 0.01 ha. The proposed mining allocation fully covers the 1-6 blocks of the active supply stock of sand in the semi-Poolvahe sand deposit (register card of the mineral register No 0815) and the mining reserve of the existing Poolvahe sand quarry II (permit No HARM-102, permit holder OÜ MERKO MINES, permit valid until 3.09.2039). An environmental permit for the extension of the semi-Poolvahe sand quarry II is applied for for a term of 15 years. The annual average mining rate is 34 ash m3. With this volume, the quarry will be exhausted in 14 years. Restoration of the extracted land is planned in parallel with the extraction and an additional 1 year is planned to complete the restoration. The proposed mining claim and its service area fully overlap with the limitation zone of the Soodla practice area of the national defence construction work. Compliance of an application for an environmental permit with the requirements provided for in the General Part of the Environmental Code Act and the Earth's Crust Act has been verified by the Environmental Board and the Land Board, the authorised processor of the list of mineral deposits in the environmental register. The application complied with the requirements. The Environmental Board shall disclose the application for an environmental permit in the official publication Official Announcements (www.ametlikudteadaanded.ee) and this letter. Environmental permit application No T-KL/1021999 and other relevant documents can be consulted in the Environmental Decisions information System under EAGLE (<https://kotkas.envir.ee/>), Procedure No M-126815 and documents No DM-126815. An application for an environmental permit shall be reviewed in the course of an open procedure. This means that before taking a decision, we will give interested parties and persons whose rights may be affected by the proposed action the opportunity to comment on the application and raise objections. In this context, we publish a notice concerning the acceptance of the application for processing in the publication Official Announcements. Due to the expected low level of environmental risk and disturbance associated with the planned activities of the enterprise and the lack of sufficient public interest, the notice is not published in the local or county newspaper. If you want information about further processing of the application, we will notify you by letter

only if you have requested it by phone or e-mail. We ask that proposals or objections concerning the procedure of an application for an environmental permit be submitted in writing to the address info@keskkonnaamet.ee not later than within two weeks after receipt of the notice. In a statement, we would like to refer to EAGLE procedure number M-126815. If necessary, the Environmental Board shall organise a public discussion for the hearing of the matter. We will make a decision on granting an environmental permit within 365 days of receiving a valid application. We shall also inform the participants in the proceeding of a decision to grant or refuse to grant an environmental permit.

The with request environmental permit and other relevant documents are available on At the offices of the Environmental Board across Estonia.

The application shall be digitally available on <https://kotkas.envir.ee/dokument/DM-126815-3> in the environmental decision information system

Until the issue or refusal to issue environmental permit decision is made, any person has the right to submit reasoned proposals and objections to the To the Environmental Board. Proposals and objections may be submitted orally or in writing to an e-mail address info@keskkonnaamet.ee or to a postal address Green 64, 80010 Pärnu.

The draft of Decision to grant or refuse to grant environmental permit will be announced by the Environmental Board in the Official Announcements.

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