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Notice of initiation of the environmental permit procedure

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The Environment Agency publishes a notice under [paragraph 47\(2\) of the General Law on the Environment \(KeÜS\)](#).

The Environment Agency States that the Osaühing VKG Kaevandused (registration code: [10854884](#)) (address: Järveküla tee 14, Järve district, Kohtla-Järve city, 30328 Ida-Viru district) have been granted an application for amendment of environmental permit No [L.MK/333343 FOR](#) the extraction of mineral resources from the new Kiviõli II mine.

The Osaühing VKG Kaevandused an increase of 3 million tonnes of the maximum annual mining rate set on the basis of the environmental permit for the extraction of new Kiviõli II minerals.

The Osaühing VKG Kaevandused also requests that the logistical solution authorised by the environmental permit for the extraction of the mineral resources of the new Kiviõli II mine be changed so that, instead of the industrial territory of the Aidu quarry, the mountain mass can be enriched in the industrial complex of the Ojamaa mine.

The mountain deposit for the new stone Kiviõli II mine, with a surface area of 2076,06 ha, is located in the municipality of Alutagus and Lüganus in the region of Ida-Viru. The mining is carried out by the Osaühing VKG Kaevandused. As of 30.06.2019, the exploitable stock of oil shale associated with mining reserves is approximately 69,28 million tonnes and the passive consumption stock is 97 thousand tonnes. The maximum annual mining rate requested is 5 million tonnes.

The environmental permit application and other relevant documents can be consulted at the nearest Office of the Environment Agency.

The application shall be digitally accessible in the <https://dhs-ADR-kea.envir.ee/> system of the Environment Agency

until the decision to amend or refuse to amend the environmental permit is taken, everyone shall have the right to submit reasoned proposals and objections to the Environment Agency. Proposals and objections may be submitted orally or in writing to the e-mail address info@keskkonnaamet.ee or to the postal address Viljandi mnt, 11216 Tallinn.

The draft decision amending the environmental permit shall be further notified by the Environment Agency in the Official Gazette Ametlikud Teadaanded.

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