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Saint-Modeste, 1st of August 2022

Oakbank facilities - Specifications on the loose peat bunker

Greetings Mr. Capotosto,

Berger will be moving forward in 2022 with the addition of the raw peat processing line at Oakbank. The present letter is to request a minor alteration to our EAL 3555 to accommodate for the modifications to the initial design proposed for the peat bunker. As per Condition 45 of our Environmental Licence (EAL 3335), Berger shall prevent the entrainment of particulate matter into the air at the Development resulting from the operation of vehicles or the transportation, storage or handling of peat or other material.

In our previous request for a Notice of Alteration dated March 10th, 2022, Berger requested to change the bunker design from concrete to movable containers. Said alteration was accepted April 14th, 2022 (see appendix 1).

Nevertheless, Berger is now considering a new way of processing the loose peat that could potentially alleviate any dust-related concerns. On the original design, there where two options to feed the loose peat inside the conveyors leading to the loose peat processing line and pick the roots getting screened out of the process. One options was through the use of a loader picking the peat stored in loose piles within the bunker. The roots would be stocked in the same fashion as they exit the factory. The other option was discharging the loose peat directly from the trucks using walking-floor trailers. In this current proposition, Berger would now be using only walking-floor trailers to both discharge the loose peat in the conveyors and recuperate the roots. (see appendix 2).



The modification proposed would be the entire removal of the bunker initially proposed. All the loose material would now be stored within truck trailers on the east side of the factory. The new proposal would also removed the use of the loader within the bunker, the employee rather being assigned to the moving of trailers to their proper conveyors. Walking-floors would be fitted within a sealed chamber (one for each conveyor) before being discharged using an hydraulic system in tune with the need of the factory. Similar operations would be done for the roots where a similar trailer would be located below the root conveyor. The roots are ultimately used in the peat harvesting site for roads. The rest of the processing would be the same as described in the original application for our EAL.

As such, Berger would like to propose a minor alteration to the licence to move forward with the proposed design of loose peat processing, but still keep the option of the bunker proposed in the request of March 2022. That way, Berger could revert easily to the original design using stacked containers should it be necessary and without additional impacts.

Finally, Berger will make sure to continue the air emissions monitoring on-site following the introduction of loose peat processing on-site.

I hope this additional information will be to your convenience. I remain entirely available if you have any questions regarding the loose peat bunker or Oakbank's operations.

Best Regards,



Pierre-Olivier Sauvageau

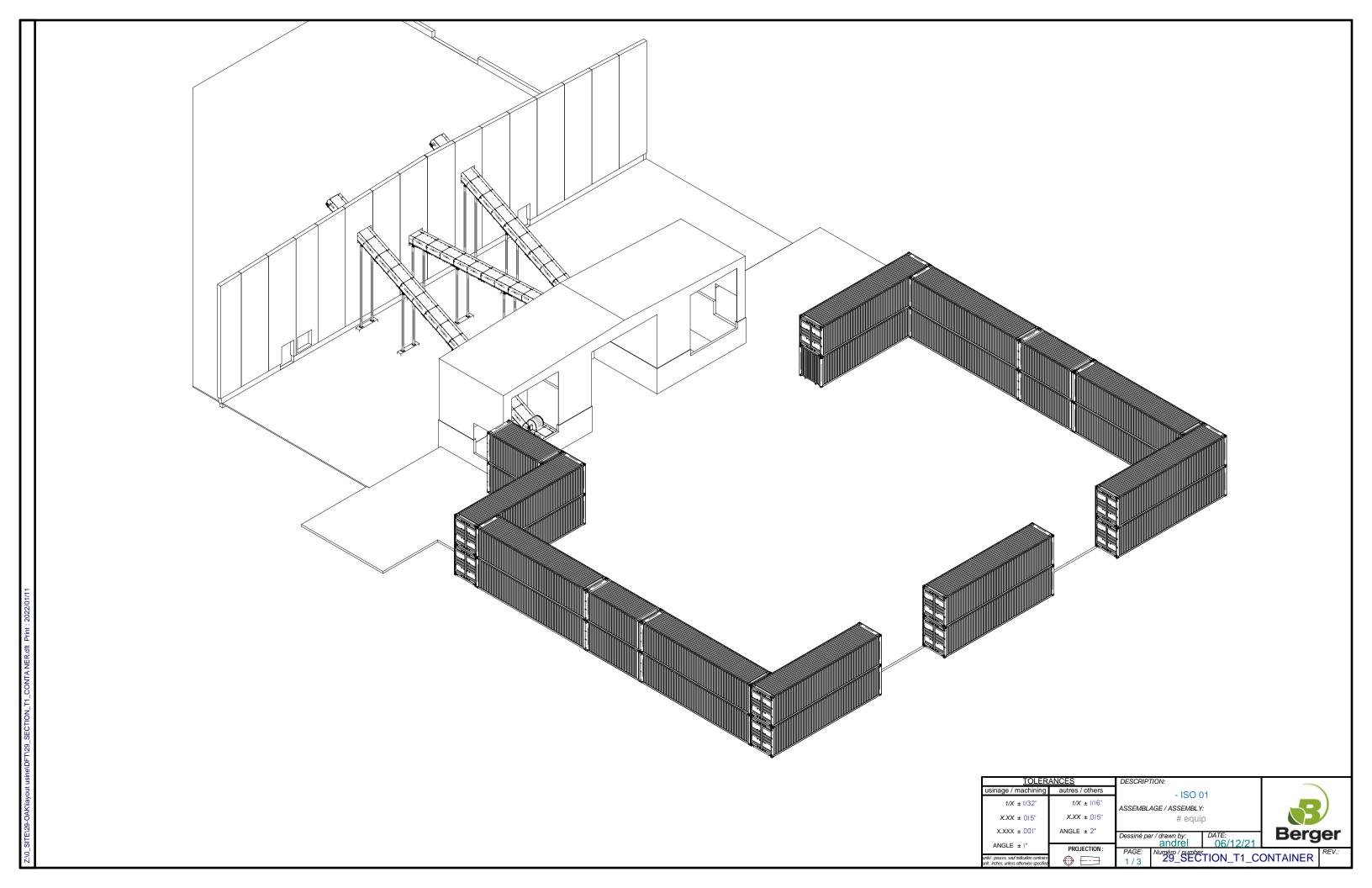
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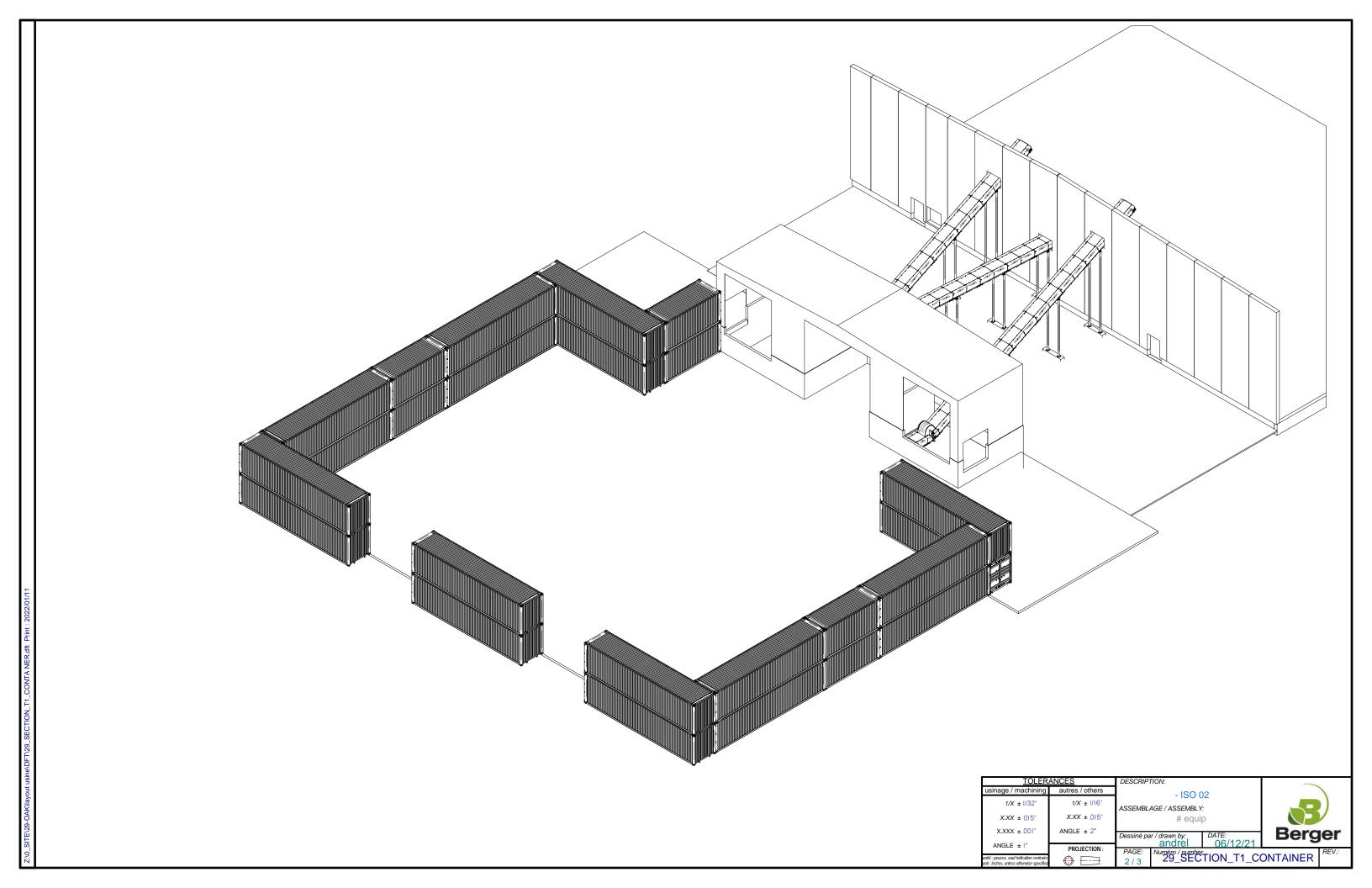


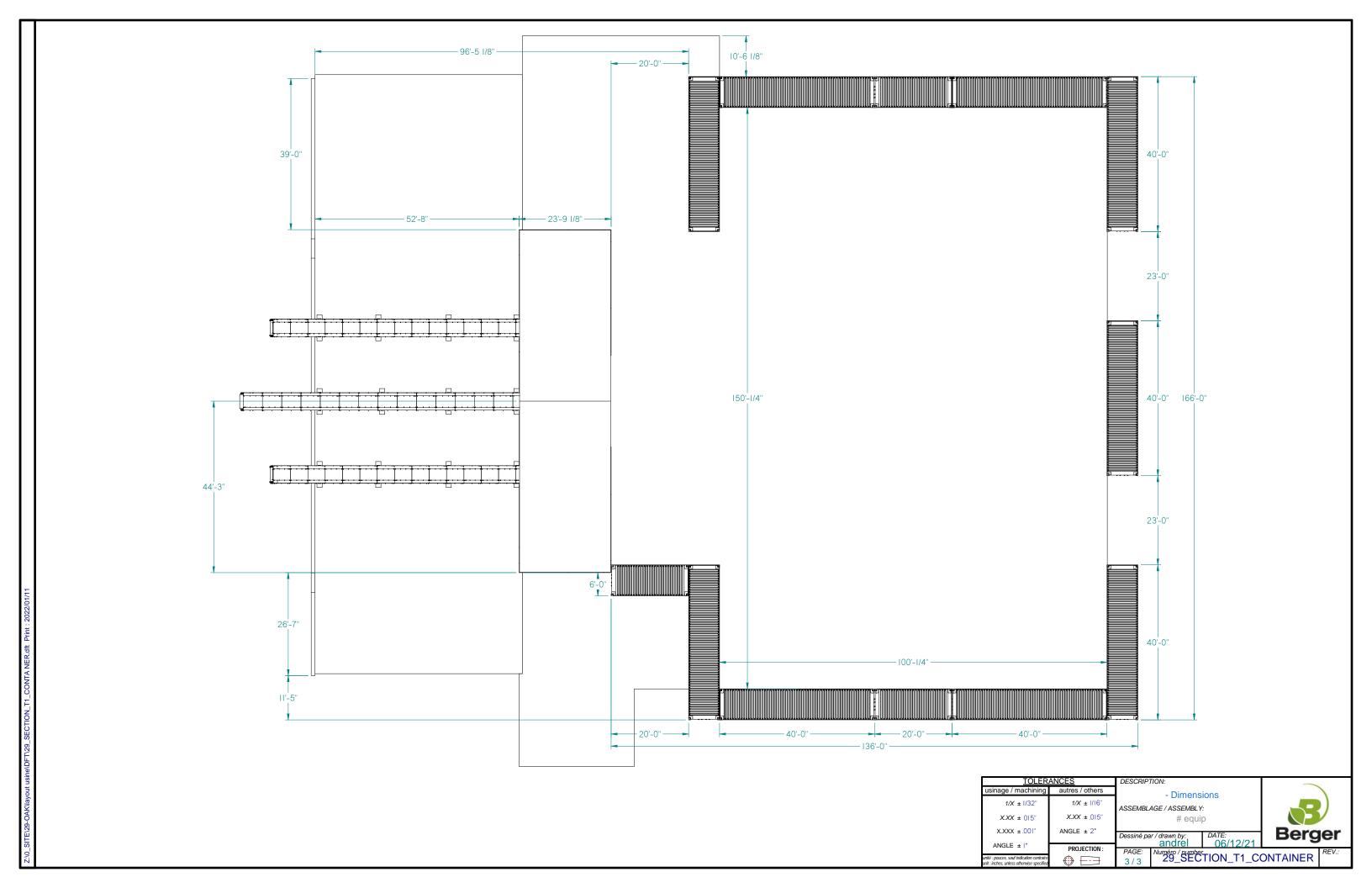
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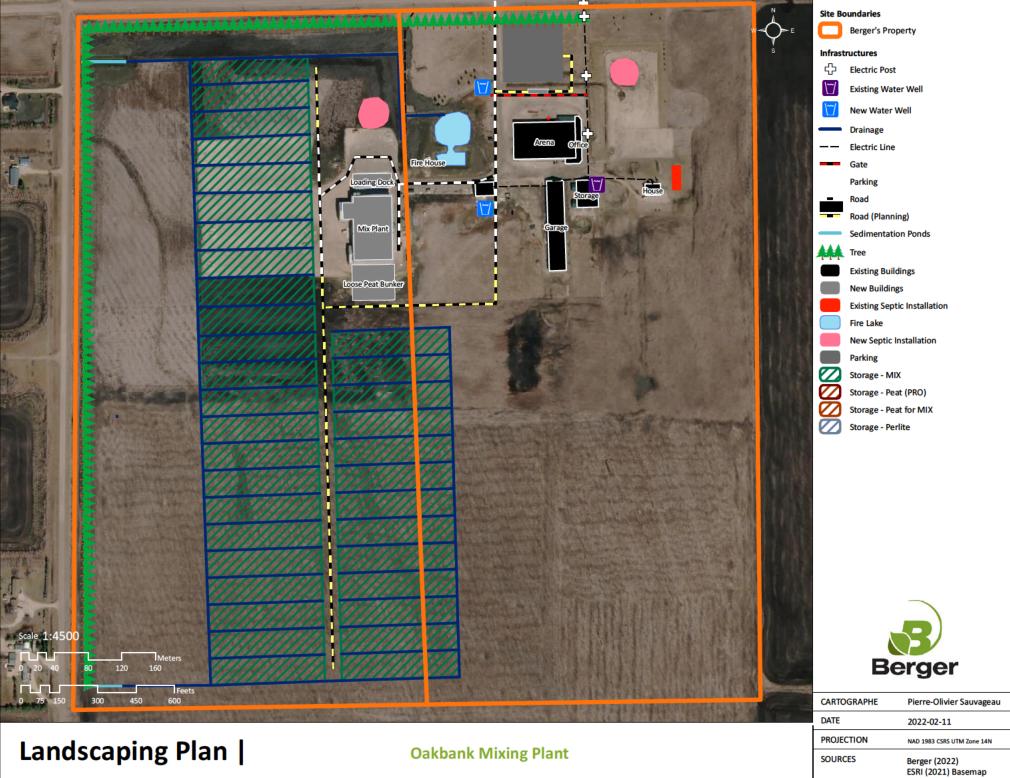


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Legal name of the Licencee: Berger Peat Moss Ltd		
Name of the development: Horticultural Mix Plant - Rm of Springfield		
Category and Type of development per Classes of Development Regulation:		
Manufacturing		▼ <select></select>
Licencee Contact Person: Pierre-Olivier Sauvageau		
Mailing address of the Licencee: 121 1RR		
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Phone:	Mailin	ng address:
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Email address:		
Short Description of Alteration (max 90 characters):		
Alteration fee attached: Yes: No: ✓		
If No, please explain: No registration fee expected at this time		
Date: 2022-08-01	Signature:	
	Printed name:	Pierre-Olivier Sauvageau
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Oakbank Mixing Plant

