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Subject: Permit for drone flight - Gullfoss, Geysir, Skógafoss

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Cineshoots, dated 12th of August, for Drone flights within Gullfoss, Geysir and Skógafoss.

Gullfoss is protected as a nature reserve, cf. no. 141/1979. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life is prohibited. Operating an unmanned aircraft/drone within the protected area is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Geysir is listed on the Nature Conservation Register and is under the supervision of the Environment Agency.

Skógafoss is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 477/1987. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. Camping overnight is only allowed in a designated campsite. This includes tents, motorhomes and campers. Photography, cinematography and events that can affect visitors experience in the area are subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Description of the project:

The project applied for is taking footage to use over interview taken in Iceland for video contest. The location is at Gullfoss, Geysir and Skógafoss and will take place sometime between 26th to 27th of August around 06:00 in the morning. The crew consists of two people. All the flight will take place from paths and the flight height maximum altitude will be 120 meters. Flight plan was in the application.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on the conservation value of the areas. However, it could have negative effect on birdlife at Skógafoss. Due to number of visitors visiting the sites applied for, flying a drone can have negative impact on the visitor 's experience. Flight time should therefore be kept as short as possible.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Cineshoots permission on its behalf to fly drone within Gullfoss, Geysir and Skógafoss as described above on 26th to 27th of August 2019 on the following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff of the project before work begins.
- The applicant shall inform rangers in the area about their arrival and departure. This is to be done 24 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- The crew must follow rules of conduct that apply to the area.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- The project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- The crew should be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that filming causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors. During early morning and late afternoon, there are less people visiting the sites.
- If the material is meant for public viewing it must be noted in the video/subtext that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown in close proximity to people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas being filmed.
- If the use of unmanned aircraft causes disturbance to wildlife in the area, its use should be ceased at once.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes taking responsibility of any possible risk of harm to people, fauna and nature and leaving no permanent marks on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- A sign that indicates that a permit to film has been obtained from the Environment Agency, must be placed at the site.
- **It is forbidden to fly drones in the canyon in front of the waterfall at Skógafoss nature reserve.**
- **For security reasons, it is forbidden to fly directly above Strokkur at the Geysir area in altitudes below 50 meters (150 ft).**
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.

If the developer causes damage to nature, according to art. 87 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Environment Agency of Iceland can, according to the Nature Conservation Act, f.e. order the licensee to fix damage to nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

The Environment Agency of Iceland can according to art. 89 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 change conditions of the permit, add new conditions or withdraw the permit in order to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

According to art 89. in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 the Environment Agency can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

Unmanned aircraft should take off and land in a safe distance from other visitors according to regulation 990/2017 on unmanned aircrafts.

The usage of a drone shall be according to regulation no. 990/2017 on the operation of remotely piloted aircraft (<https://www.icetra.is/aviation/drones/>).

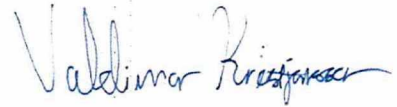
Permission fee:

Environment Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 92 of Act no. 61/2013 on Nature Conservation. The fee for cinematography and/or photography is 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

Sincerely,



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