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**Subject: Permit for photography and cinematography-Gullfoss and Bláfjöll**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Ár kvikmyndafélag ehf., dated 18. June 2019, for photography and cinematography within Gullfoss and Bláfjöll.

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

Bláfjallafólkvangur is protected as a country park, c.f. no. 173/1985. Flying a drone is **not** subject to a permission from the Environmental Agency of Iceland.

***Description of the project:***

The drone will be fly on the path and off path in front of Gullfoss. The staff consists of a director, three camera producers and a stringer. The filming at Gullfoss will take place over night at 5<sup>th</sup> of July between 20:00-03:00. The primary goal is taking a shot of the waterfall during the night. The flight altitude will be 15-120 meters.

***Impact assessment:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative affect on Gullfoss. 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 a permission on its behalf on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff before the work begins.
- If the dates of the project change the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- The Environment Agency should be informed if there will be any changes to the project description.
- The Environment Agency requests that the ranger will be contacted 24 hours before starting the project and inform him on your intentions.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- Fauna, geological formations and landscape should not be disturbed in any way.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- 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. The flight time shall be kept at minimum.

- The project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- A sign saying that a permission for the project has been obtained from the Environment Agency should be put up.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas filmed.
- According to Icelandic law it is forbidden to fly close to cliffs where birds nest. An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near animals or birds, neither in nesting areas nor during nesting season or any other seasonal time when animals or bird habitats are considered vulnerable.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes responsibility so that people, fauna and nature is unharmed because of the aircraft's use and that no permanent mark be left on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- 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/>).
- 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 the 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. ordered the licensee to fix damage to the nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

The Environmental Agency of Iceland can amend the conditions, add in new conditions or withdraw the permission, if the environmental conditions change according to Article 89 (2) of the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013.

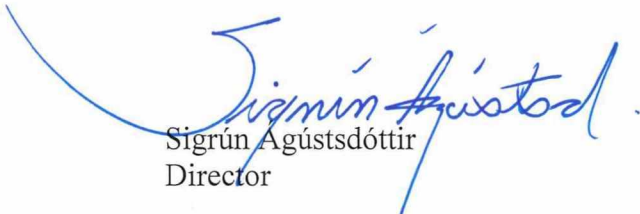
The Environmental Agency of Iceland can withdraw the permission if the terms of the conditions are not met according to Article 89 (1) of the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013.

A permission from the landowners and/or the municipality might be needed for the project.


***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 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

Sincerely



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