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**Permit for cinematography within Kerlingarfjöll Nature reserve.**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Poléne, dated 27<sup>th</sup> of June, for cinematography from 31st of July to 5th of August 2023 within Kerlingarfjöll Nature reserve.

*Kerlingarfjöll* is protected as an area of landscape, cf. Regulation no. 822/2020. Disturbance to geological formations, landscape, hot springs, other springs, and ecosystems in hot springs in the protected area is prohibited. Permission must be obtained from the Environment Agency of Iceland for organized events and projects that need facilities, labour force or use of equipment within the protected area such as filming, at events and ceremonies.

***Description of the project:***

The team will be made up around 15 technicians, a photographer, 2 directors and 5 models spread over different days. The tent (3mx3m) and toilets will be based on Kerlingarfjöll's parking, the toilets will be located in a make-up van, and emptied in a designated area. No restrictions will be on pedestrian or motorized traffic, but the applicant might ask visitors to be patient during filming if there is a need to film with an unobstructed background. No motorized vehicles will be used for photography. There will be no modification of the ground during filming. A smoke machine will probably be used but the applicant notes that vapours and fumes will meet health and environmental standards. The applicant notes that they might use a drone for the filming.

***Impact assessment:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project to be minimal and not likely to have negative impact on the area if the conditions of the permit are followed.

***Conclusions and conditions:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Poléne permission on its behalf to film within Kerlingarfjoll Nature reserve as described above from 31st of July to 5th of August 2023 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.
- **The ranger will help the applicant to find a good location for the filming and where it is forbidden to go off paths.**
- 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.
- A sign that indicates that a permit to film has been obtained from the Environment Agency, must be placed at the site.
- All traces of the work must be removed carefully from the site by the end of the project.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.
- 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. 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.

Regarding the usage of drone

- 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 being 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.
- Flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day.
- 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.
- For safety reasons, the pilot of an unmanned aerial vehicle must wear marked clothing so that the person can be identified.

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

***Supervision:***

The Environment Agency will supervise the project. The supervisor will be a ranger from the Environment Agency.

Sincerely

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