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### **Application for filming with a drone in Gullfoss and Geysir**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Rai Radiotelevisione Italiana, dated on the 28th May 2018, for filming at Gullfoss and Geysir on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, at Skógafoss on the 24<sup>th</sup> and to use a drone at Gullfoss and Geysir the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.

Gullfoss is a protected area cf. regulation no. 141/1979 and according to act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation. Flying a drone within the protected area is subject to a permission from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

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

Skógafoss is a protected area cf. regulation no. 141/1979 and according to act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation.

#### ***Description of the project:***

The project applied for is filming within the protected areas of Gullfoss and Skógafoss and at Geysir geothermal area on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The drone will be used at Gullfoss and Geysir on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

At Gullfoss the drone will fly at 30-80m altitude over the canyon from the parking and the walking path leading to the waterfall and to and from the waterfall along the canyon. The filming also includes the use of a handheld camera.

At Geysir the drone will fly over the area at 30-80m altitude. The filming takes about 4-5 hours and includes the use of a handheld camera as well. 11-13 persons will work on the project and the filming will take 4-5 hours at each location.

At Skógafoss the filming will take about 30 minutes using a handheld camera filming a person in front of the waterfall.

No props, sets nor chemical use is needed for the project. The drone used is Inspire 2, weight 3,5 kg.

#### ***Impact assessment:***

Based on the information from the applicant the Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on the conservation value of the

areas. Due to the high number of visitors in Gullfoss and Geysir areas, flying a drone can have negative impact on the visitor's experience.

***Conclusions and conditions:***

The Environment Agency hereby grants a permission for filming with a drone at Gullfoss and Geysir on the 25<sup>th</sup> July as described by the applicant on following conditions. The filming at Skógafoss, as described by the applicant is not subject to a permit:

- Keep the signed permit letter with you at location.
- If the dates of the project or the project description change the Environment Agency shall be notified when the project starts, with at least 5 days notice, if possible. Otherwise as soon as possible.
- Using a drone in Gullfoss and Geysir can only be done before 9:00 am and after 6:00 pm.
- The drone shall not be flown directly above Strokkur geyser for security reasons.
- If the video is to be published on television or on the internet it shall be stated in the video that a special permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland was acquired for filming within the protected area.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths.
- 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.
- The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff before the work begins.
- All traces of the work must be removed carefully off the site by the end of the project.
- 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 area 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

***Permission fee:***

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

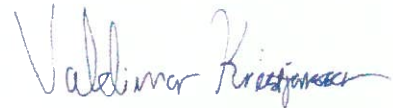
***Supervision:***

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

Sincerely



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