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**Efni: Application to film with a drone - Gullfoss - Geysir - Skógafoss - Seljalandsfoss**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Profilm for the behalf of BBC and Silverback Films, dated the 6th of September 2018, for filming with a drone at Skógafoss (15<sup>th</sup> of September), Gullfoss (19<sup>th</sup> of September), Geysir (19<sup>th</sup> of September), and Seljalandsfoss 2018 (15<sup>th</sup> of September).

- Gullfoss is a protected area cf. Regulation no. 141/1979 and according to act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation. Flying a dron within the protected area is subject to a permission from the Enviornment Agency of Iceland.
- Geysir is listed on the Nature Conservation Register and is under the Environment Agency supervision
- Skógafoss is protected cf. regulation no. 477/1987. According to the regulation disturbing the wildlife is prohibited.
- Seljalandsfoss is not under the Environment Agency supervision, **the applicant must get a permit from the landowner and/or municipality.**

***Description of the project:***

The project applied for is to film with a drone within the protected areas of Gullfoss and Skógafoss and at Geysir geothermal area on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September and on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. The crew consists of four people. The applicant states in the application that there will be no need to go off road or off paths and there will be no damage to fauna, geological formations or landscape.

***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. Flying a drone can have negative impacts on birds in Skógafoss and due to the high number of visitors in these areas, flying a drone can have negative impact on the visitor's experience.

***Conclusions and conditions:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants a permission for filming with a drone at Gullfoss, Geysir and Skógafoss on its behalf on following conditions:

- Keep the permits that are necessary for the project with you at all sites.
- The Environment Agency should be informed if there will be any changes to the project description.
- The Environment Agency requests that the rangers at each site will be contacted before starting the project (24 hours before) and inform them 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.
- **Due to birdlife the drone cannot be flown into the canyon at Skógafoss.**
- **Drone should take off and land where there are few people around.**
- 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 project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- 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 work/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 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.

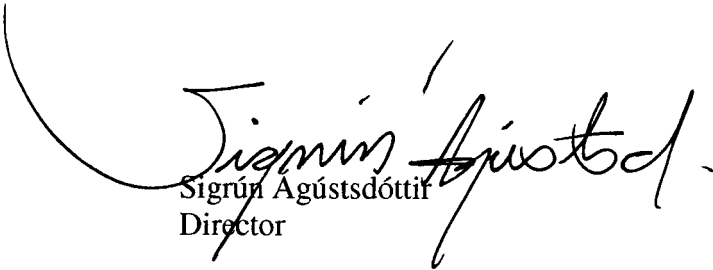
***Permission fee:***

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.

***Supervision:***

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

Sincerely

  
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