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Subject: Application for filming in protected areas in Iceland

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from BMAD Technology, dated 10th of August, for filming within Dyrhólaey, Skógafoss, Álftaversgígar, Kirkjugólf and Dverghamrar, from 30th of August to 2nd of September.

- Dyrhólaey is protected according to regulations no. 101/1978. According to the regulations disturbing or harming the wildlife is prohibited.
- Skógafoss is protected according to regulation no. 477/1987. According to the regulation disturbing the wildlife is prohibited.
- Álftaversgígar are protected according to regulations no. 105/1975. According to the regulations it is not allowed to harm the geological features.
- Kirkjugólf is protected according to regulations no. 426/1987. According to the regulations it is not allowed to harm geological features in the area.
- Dverghamrar is protected according to regulations no. 446/1987. According to the regulations one of the aims of the protected area is to preserve wild life, nature and geologic features.

Description of the project:

The purpose of the project is to film a documentary in virtual reality about Iceland and its unique landscape, it will be promotional, touristic video. The number of employees on location will be six and the crew will be in the sites from morning to noon, and from afternoon to evening. Two tripods will be used with 10 DSLR cameras. If flying a drone is permitted, the applicant wants to apply for that as well and fly in areas that are suggested by the Environment Agency. The project will be filmed from 30th of August to 2nd of September.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on the conservation value of the areas. Flying a drone at Skógafoss and Dyrhólaey can cause temporary disturbance to bird life in bird cliffs and nesting areas, therefore more strict



conditions apply in these two sites. Due to number of visitors on many of the sites applied for, 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 at these locations on the following conditions:

- The Environment Agency requests that the ranger at Dyrhólaey and Skógafoss will be contacted before starting the project and inform him on your intentions, please call tel. +354 591 2000 to contact rangers.
- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.
- 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.

Regarding flying a drone

- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft must wear a yellow vest for the ranger to be informed of who is in charge of the drone.
- Due to bird life the drone cannot be flown into the canyon at Skógafoss.
- In Dyrhólaey and along the shore, the drone shall not be flown closer to the cliffs than 200 m due to the birdlife in the cliffs.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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 supervision will be a ranger from the Environment Agency.

Sincerely

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