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Subject: Filming permit – protected areas around Iceland

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from BMAD Technology, dated 15th of October 2018, for filming with a drone and camera at Dynjandi waterfall, Álftaversgígar, Dyrhólaey, Skógafoss, Kirkjugólf, Dverghamrar, Dettifoss, Hraunfossar, Fjallabak nature Reserve, Gullfoss, Hveravellir, Snæfellsjökull National park, Rauðhólar, Reynisfjara and Geysir (Strokkur).

- Gullfoss is protected as a nature reserve. Using an unmanned aircraft/drone within the protected area is subject to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.
- Geysir is listed on the Nature Conservation Register and under the Environment Agency's supervision.
- Snæfellsjökull National Park is protected by Act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation. Permit from the Environment Agency is needed for any kind of economic activity in the park.
- Reynisfjara is listed on the Nature Conservation Register.
- Skógafoss is protected as a nature reserve. According to the regulation disturbing the wildlife is prohibited.
- Fjallabak Nature Reserve is protected as a nature reserve. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited.
- Álftaversgígar, Dettifoss, Kirkjugólf, Dverghamrar, Dynjandi Hraunfossar, Hveravellir and Rauðhólar are protected by Act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation.
- Dyrhólaey is protected as a nature reserve. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited.

Description of the project:

The project will be carried out sometime between the 22nd of October to the 22nd of November 2018, the duration of the project will be 7 days within this time frame. The purpose of the project is to film in virtual reality. The team will be using 2 tripods, 10 DSLR cameras, a drone, lights and small 360 cameras to be mounted on the drone, helmets and floaters. The number of crew on set is limited to the maximum of 8 people.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on the conservation values of the areas applied for. The road to friðland að Fjallabak and Hveravellir might be closed and is only accessible by jeeps or similar cars.

Not subject to a permit in this time of the year:

Dynjandi waterfall, Álftaversgígar, Dyrhólaey, Skógafoss, Kirkjugólf, Dverghamrar, Dettifoss, Hraunfossar, Fjallabak nature Reserve, Hveravellir, Rauðhólar and Reynisfjara are not subject to a permit in this time of the year.

Conclusions and conditions:

A permit for filming with a drone in Gullfoss, Geysir (Strokkur) and Snæfellsjökull National Park, is hereby granted on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.
- If the dates of the project change the Environment Agency shall be notified, with at least 5 days' notice, if possible, when the project starts. Otherwise 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 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 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.

Regarding the usage of drone

- **For security reasons, flying the drone directly above Strokkur below 50 m (150 ft) is prohibited.**
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near people and should take off and land away from 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.

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 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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