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**Subject: Application for filming with a drone in Geysir geothermal area.**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Friend in Iceland ehf. for the behalf of Hoah Hoah Studio, dated 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, for a permit to film with a drone within Geysir geothermal area for three hours on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2018.

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

***Description of the project:***

The project applied for is to film with a drone and one camera on foot for three hours in the Geysir geothermal area on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2018. The crew consists of 6 to 8 people and the filming will be early in the morning. The applicant claims that there will be minimum disturbance from the crew and the filming should not take a long time.

***Impact assessment:***

Regarding flying a drone in the area: Based on the information from the applicant the Environmental Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have a negative impact on the conservation value of the area. However, due to the high number of visitors, flying a drone might impact visitors experience in a negative way.

***Conclusions and conditions:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants a permission on its behalf 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 at least 24 hours before starting the project and inform him on your intentions.
- 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 crew should be conscious of other guests at Geysir area 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.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft shall wear high visibility clothing so that he can be identified as the conductor of the unmanned aircraft.

*Regarding using drone:*

- **The drone should take off and land where there are few people around.**
- **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. 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:*

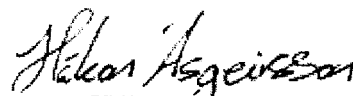
Environment Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 92 of Act no. 61/2013 on Nature Conservation. The fee for cinematography and/or photography 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

*Supervision:*

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

Sincerely

  
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Supervisor

  
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