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Subject: Permission for Photography within protected area and other areas in the South Coast

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Hafenmair - Berge erleben, dated, 11th of March 2024, for photography within the natural monument Skógafoss and other areas in the south coast of Iceland.

Skógafoss is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 477/1987. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. Camping overnight is only allowed in a designated campsite. This includes tents, motorhomes and campers. Photography, cinemaphotography and events that can affect visitors experience in the area are subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Other areas, mentioned in the application, are not within protected areas and are therefore not subject to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Description of the project:

The applicant applies to photograph for outdoor/sportfashion company within Skógafoss during the period of 18th - 20th of April 2024. Number of employees on location are planned to be 12 and no drones will be used. Their idea is to work near roads and paths.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland consider the project to be minimal and not likely to have negative impact on the nature.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Hafenmair - Berge erleben permission on its behalf to photograph within the natural monument Skógafoss as described above during the period on the following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff of the project before work begins.
- The applicant shall inform rangers in the area about their arrival and departure. This is to be done 24 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- When it is necessary to go off-path, extra care must be taken not to cause damage to terrain, including vegetation, soil and geological formation. All traces of activity must be removed afterwards.
- The crew must follow rules of conduct that apply to the area.
- Every measure must be taken not to cause damage to the site and limit the size of the construction/filming site.
- All traces of the work must be removed carefully from the site by the end of the work/project.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.
- 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 crew should be conscious of other guests on the site and make sure that photographing causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.

If the developer causes damage to nature, according to art. 87 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Environment Agency of Iceland can, according to the Nature Conservation Act, f.e. order the licensee to fix damage to nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

The Environment Agency of Iceland can according to art. 89 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 change conditions of the permit, add new conditions or withdraw the permit in order to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

According to art 89. in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 the Environment Agency can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

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 constructions, droneflights, cinematography and/or photography is **83.200 ISK** according to art. 29. b. in the agency's tariff no. 1410/2023.

Supervision:

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

Sincerely

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