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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 Jens Nicolai on the behalf of SPIEGEL TV GmbH, dated 20th of June 2019, for a permit to film with a camera and with a drone within Geysir geothermal area for five hours on the 7th of July 2019.

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 a camera on foot for five hours in the Geysir geothermal area. Flight altitude will be no higher than 100 meters. The crew consists of 5 to 6 people. Spiegel TV is producing two 45-minutes documentaries about “wonders of nature” for the primetime series TerraX for german public television ZDF. The host will explain on camera how a geyser works.

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. It can be minimized if it takes place when few visitors are in the area i.e. before 10:00 and after 18:00. Flight time should be kept as short as possible.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants SPIEGEL TV GmbH on its behalf a permission to film and fligh a drone on the 7th of July within the Geysir area as described above and on a map showing the flight paths on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff before the work begins.
- If the dates of the project or project description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- The applicant shall contact rangers in the areas 24 hours before the film crew arrives in the area 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 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.
- 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.
- Take off and landing of the drone should be in areas where number of people is minimum. It is not allowed to enter areas that are closed for traffic.
- 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.
- Flight time should be kept as short as possible.
- 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.
- Preferably the crew, or at least the conductor of the unmanned aircraft, shall wear high visibility clothing so that they can be easily identified. (as the conductor of the unmanned aircraft.)
- **For security reasons, flying the drone directly above Strokkur below 50 m (150 ft) is prohibited.**
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.

If the developer causes damage to the 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. ordered the licensee to fix damage to the nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

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/>). Please note that according to the regulation all drones used for commercial flight need to be registered at the Icelandic Transport Authority.

Supervision:

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

Sincerely,



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Director



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Advisor