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**Subject: permit for a wedding ceremony in Gjáin**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Sebastian Dörken, dated 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, for wedding ceremony within Gjáin .

Gjáin is protected as natural monument, cf. regulation no. 110/2020. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. Permission must be obtained from the Environment Agency for organized events and projects that pose a risk of disturbance to geological formations, wildlife or guests in the area. Operating an unmanned aircraft/drone within the protected area is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

***Description of the project:***

The wedding ceremony will be held in Gjáin, near the waterfall Gjáfoss. The ceremony will take appr. 1 hour, with about 20 guests all standing (no chairs will be brought).

***Impact assessment:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on nature and conservation value of the site if conditions of the permit are followed. The project might temporarily have negative effect on other visitors experience of the site but if conditions of the permit are followed the Environment Agency considers that the effect can be reduced.

***Conclusions and conditions:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Sebastian Dörken permission on its behalf for the wedding ceremony within Gjáin as described above on 18<sup>th</sup> of July on the following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.
- 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.
- 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.
- Please be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure to cause as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.

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.

***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 events is 52.600 ISK according to art. 29. b. in the agency's tariff no. 206/2023.

***Supervision:***

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

Sincerely,

Valdimar Kristjánsson  
Advisor

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advisor