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### **Research permit in Snæfellsjökull National park**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Objectif Sciences International, dated April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, for research permit within Snæfellsjökull National park.

Snæfellsjökull National park is protected as a national park cf. regulation no. 568/2001. All commercial filming projects within the national park are subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland according to art. 17 in the Regulation. Permit from the Environment Agency is needed for any kind of commercial activity and events within the national park according to art. 17 in the Regulation. Permit from the Environment Agency is needed for research projects on nature and heritage monuments within the national park according to art. 20 in the regulation.

#### ***Description of the project:***

The aim of the project is to take some GPS measurements at the surface of Snæfellsjökull glacier in order to build a topographic profile and see how it evolves through time. Number of participants in the project will be 8-14 persons. The research will take place on July 24<sup>th</sup>- July 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.

#### ***Impact assessment:***

Since there is no disturbance to geological formations, vegetation or wildlife from this research the Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative effect on the area if conditions of the permit are followed.

#### ***Conclusions and conditions:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Objectif Sciences International permission on its behalf to conduct research within Snæfellsjökull national park as described above on July 24<sup>th</sup>- July 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 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.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.
- Off-road driving in Iceland 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.

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.

Conditions on the glacier can be unsafe at the time the research will take place do to fractures in the glacier. Applicant must take care when traveling around the glacier.

The Environment Agency of Iceland wishes to receive, free of charge, a copy of all reports and scientific articles that result from the research project.

Sincerely

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