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## Subject: Permit to film with a drone at Dynjandi Natural Monument

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Nine Network Australia, dated, 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2024, for filming with handheld camera, tripod and to fly a drone for filming.

Dynjandi is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 348/1971. According to the rules of conduct operating an unmanned aircraft/drone within the protected area is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> of May – 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Drones cannot be flown over or along the shore, over or along the river estuaries or over or along the river below the bridge.

# Description of the project:

The project applied for is to film for a travel show, with minimal equipment, i.e. handheld camera and tripod. Permission to use a small drone is also requested.

#### **Impact assessment:**

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project to have minimum impact on other guests and on wildlife within the natural monument, as long as requirements and conditions are met during filming.

## **Conclusions and conditions:**

A permit for the type of filming, as described in the application, only with handheld camera and tripod, is not subjected to a permission from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Nine Network Australia permission on its behalf to fly a drone at Dynjandi in connection with filming project as described above on 24<sup>th</sup> of August 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- If the material is meant for public viewing it must be noted in the video/subtext that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- 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.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown in close proximity to people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas being filmed.
- Flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day.
- If the use of unmanned aircraft causes disturbance to wildlife in the area, its use should be ceased at once.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes taking responsibility of any possible risk of harm to people, fauna and nature and leaving no permanent marks on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- For safety reasons, the pilot of an unmanned aerial vehicle must wear marked clothing so that the person can be identified.
- If falcons or eagles are seen in the area, it is not allowed to fly the drone there.

If the licensee 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.

Unmanned aircraft should take off and land in a safe distance from other visitors according to regulation 990/2017 on unmanned aircrafts.

### 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 droneflight up to two areas is **41.600 ISK** according to art. 29. b. in the agency's tariff no. 1410/2023.

Sincerely

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