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Subject: Fararleyfi til Surtseyjar

The Environment Agency has received a request from Les Bons Clients and the tv station Arte, dated January 25th, with a request about filming permissions in Surtsey for half a day in the period 9th -14th June 2017 for a documentary series about volcanos in the world.

Surtsey was declared a nature reserve in 1965. Since then human visits have been restricted to prevent biological contamination and to protect Surtsey's delicate environment. Written permission must be obtained from the Environment Agency of Iceland to visit the Island Surtsey and dive inside the nature reserve.

The goal of the filming in Surtsey is to show how the island sprung to life in 1963, to follow or show the scientists process of acquiring knowledge and gathering data on the colonisation of the island by biodiversity, and to present the issues related to the preservation of this totally unique island that has been classified as a UNESCO world heritage site.

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants you and your group a permit to visit Surtsey for 2-5 hours in one day on the period 9th -14th June 2017. The permit is subjected to the following conditions:

- All clothing, shoes, filming equipment and luggage must be cleaned before departure to Surtsey to ensure that no organisms, plant material, soil and other biological material is transported to the island so the ecosystem may develop without human interference.
- The permit is valid only for the following individuals named in the application:
 - o Arnaud Guerin
 - o David Perrier
 - Sylvain Georges
 - o Renaud Peronne
 - Ónefndur íslenskur vísindamaður
 - Andrés Úlfur Helguson leiðsögumaður
- The length of stay is limited to 5 hours in one day in the period 9th -14th June 2017.
- Special care must be taken not to disturb the sensitive nature of Surtsey. It is not allowed to spoil geological formation, vegetation and disturb wildlife.

- Anything that may threaten the unique value of World Heritage site is prohibited.
- It is not allowed to leave anything behind and all garbage and other waste must be removed from the island at departure.
- No drinking water is on the island and you will need to bring that with you. There are also no lavatory facilities.
- Use of drone is allowed with restrictions in part of the island where it does not disturb animal life. Areas closed to the drone will be determined on site based on nesting areas of the birds and their distribution during the time filming will take place. Flight heigh can also be restricted for same reasons
- In the television show it must be stated that the island is protected for nature conservation and that ecological development, both biology and geology, is to take place without human interference. Also that no one is allowed to visit the island or dive inside the nature reserve without written permission from the Environment Agency of Iceland.
- The site manager for Surtsey will accompany you in this trip and will be your guide around the island and monitor the filming. You will need to pay a fee 13.200 isl kr per hour for his service and all his expenses including travel and food during the stay in Surtsey.

Sincerely

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