



August 13, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
DENR MIMAROPA Region
DENR Building, Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

THE MGB REGIONAL DIRECTOR
DENR MIMAROPA Region
DENR Building, Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

THRU : **THE PENRO**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

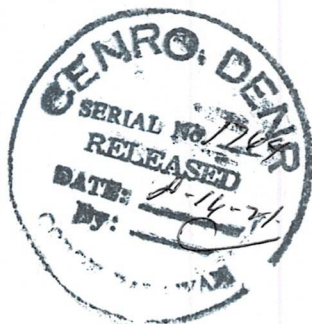
FROM : **THE CENRO**
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : **MONITORING OF THE COMPLIANCE OF BCT**
TRADING AND CONTRUCTION TO THE ISSUED CDO
RE: QUARRYING IN PAPUALAN RIVER IN PACECO
AREA, CORON, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the monitoring report dated August 13, 2021 regarding the illegal sand and gravel activities of BCT Trading and Construction in Sitio Papualan, Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

For your perusal and further action.


ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.
OIC, CENRO - Coron





13 August, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : OIC, CENR Officer
Coron, Palawan

FROM : THE UNDERSIGNED

SUBJECT : MONITORING OF THE COMPLIANCE OF BCT
TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION TO THE ISSUED
CDO RE: QUARRYING IN PAPUALAN RIVER IN
PACECO AREA, CORON, PALAWAN

DOCUMENTS : 1. Photo Documentation; and
ATTACHED 2. Location Map of the quarry site.



Pursuant to the Travel Order No. 2021-08-11-110 and the instruction from the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) Palawan, the undersigned together with the staffs of Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office (BPRMO) and conducted field inspection on 11th - 12th day August of 2021 regarding the abovementioned subject.

Background Information

On the 9th of June 2021, the technical personnel of Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) - MIMAROPA and Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office (BPRMO) conducted an investigation on the complaint against BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) for conducting sand and gravel activities in Papualan River, Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

During the investigation, it was verified that BCT was operating without a permit in Papualan River, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan. A Cease and Desist Order (CDO) dated June 22, 2021 was issued to BCT by MGB - MIMAROPA.

Purpose and Scope

The inspection aims to monitor the compliance of BCT to the issued CDO. An ocular inspection of the extraction site at Papualan River, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan. Also interview the Mr. Danilo E. Laab, the President of Papualan Irrigators Association Inc. regarding the status of the area.

Findings and Observation

1. The inspection site is located on both upstream and downstream of the Papualan River from the wooden bridge; the same is a tributary of the larger Busuanga River. It is located within the PACECO area in Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan, which is considered private as ruled by the judiciary, despite being inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve.
2. From the previous inspection, the OIC, Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) Coron instructed BCT to repair the bridge and to rehabilitate the area that was damaged by the operation.
3. On 11th day of August 2021, the undersigned contacted Mr. Laab to interview him regarding the status in the extraction site from the time of the previous inspection up to the day of interview.
4. During the interview, the undersigned asked Mr. Laab regarding the status in the area near the bridge and the status of the bridge itself. According to him, there is no operation from the date of previous inspection up to the date of interview.
5. On the same day, the inspection team proceeded to the area to confirm the statements of Mr. Laab. Upon arrival to the extraction site, the site was unoccupied during the inspection. The bucket marks and evidence of the extraction was the same in the previous inspection.

Comments and Recommendations


1. BCT is advised to report to PMRB for the rehabilitation of the area and provide a written report of the rehabilitation activity to DENR CENRO - Calamianes and PMRB Coron.

2. A regular monitoring in the said river is recommended to observe if the said extraction of sand and gravel is ongoing.
3. The PMRB should impose that no extraction of sand and gravel shall be allowed in the area to prevent further damage of structures and even the river itself.

For the CENR Officer's information and further instruction.

Inspected by:


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MGB Embedded Personnel


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Oss (Bantay Gubat)
BPRMO



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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Figure 1. View of the bridge from the downstream quarry.



Figure 2. View of the downstream quarry from the wooden bridge.

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Figure 3. Status of the extraction site during the inspection.

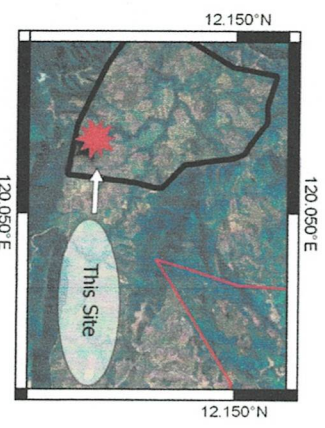


Figure 4. Status of the bridge during the inspection.

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Quarrying of BCT in Papualan River

Location: Brig. Decalacho, Coron,
 Palawan

Scale 1:1,000

- Quarry
- Access Way
- Wooden Bridge
- PACECO
- BPR Boundary

Projection: WGS 84 UTM Zone 51 N



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ENRO CORON

July 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

FROM : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT RE: ALLEGED ILLEGAL SAND AND GRAVEL OPERATION OF BCT TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION IN PAPUALAN RIVER, PACECO AREA, BRGY. DECALACHAO, CORON, PALAWAN**



Forwarded is the Memorandum dated July 6, 2021 from The Regional Executive Director Maria Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III relative to the attached letter dated June 22, 2021 of Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble, Regional Director, MGB-MIMAROPA, addressed to the President, BCT trading and Construction regarding the above subject.

In view thereof, please comply with the instruction specified therein and submit report within the time mentioned for further action of the Regional Office.

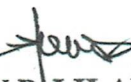
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For the PENRO:

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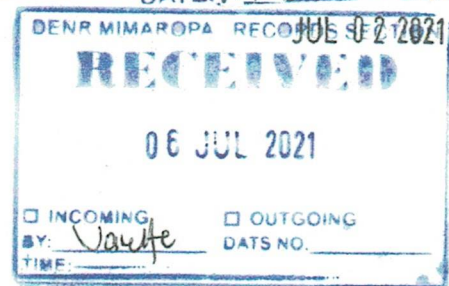
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JOHNNY P. LILANG
Chief TSD/Supervising ECOMS
In- Charge office of the PENRO



BY: 17-13 2021 CN 21-6822
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TO : The PENRO
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ATTENTION : The CENRO
Coron

FROM : The Regional Executive Director

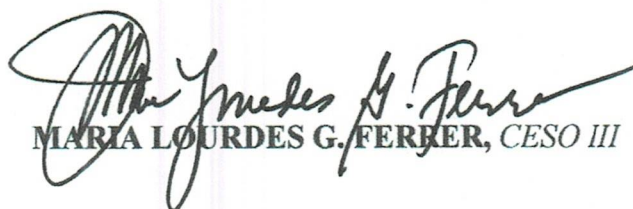
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CONSTRUCTION IN PAPUALAN RIVER, PACECO AREA,
BRGY. DECALACHAO, CORON, PALAWAN

Referred is a letter dated June 22, 2021 of Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble, Regional Director, MGB-MIMAROPA, addressed to the President, BCT Trading and Construction, copy furnished this Office, regarding the above subject.

Based on the letter, MGB-MIMAROPA ordered BCT Trading and Construction to "Cease and Desist" from conducting illegal sand and gravel activities in the said area in the absence of mining permit and delivery receipt.

In line with this, you are hereby directed to advise CENRO-Coron to determine whether the corporation has complied with the "Cease and Desist Order" issued by MGB-MIMAROPA, otherwise, file appropriate charges, in coordination with that Office, against the proponent for violation of existing ENR laws, rules and regulations. Submit report of your actions taken on the matter within five (5) working days upon receipt hereof, which will serve as basis for further action by this Office.

For strict compliance.


MARIA LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO III

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22 June 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE PENRO AND**
CONCURRENT ACTING PMRB CHAIRPERSON
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Province of Palawan

FROM : **THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
This Office

SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT REGARDING THE ALLEGED**
ILLEGAL SAND AND GRAVEL OPERATION OF BCT
TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION IN PAPUALAN RIVER,
PACECO AREA, BRGY. DECALACHAO, CORON,
PALAWAN

This refers to the attached copy of the investigation report dated 14 June 2021 by the CENRO – Coron, re: *"Investigation into the complaints against BCT Trading and Construction re: Quarrying in Papualan River in PACECO Area, Coron, Palawan"*

Based on the above, it was revealed that the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) – Coron is allowing BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) to extract sand and gravel materials for road construction and concreting projects without the necessary mining permits.

It may be recalled that in a Memorandum dated 24 March 2021, this Office requested the PMRB to clarify the reported exemption of BCT to extract sand and gravel materials without the necessary mining permit in Umaya River, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron.

Hence, may we request for an update as regards to the actions taken by the PMRB on the matter.

For the PENRO's action, please.

ENGR. GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Enc'l: As stated

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Memorandum
6/22/2021



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22 June 2021

The President

BCT Trading and Construction
Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please be informed that on 15 June 2021, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) is conducting illegal sand and gravel extraction in Papualan River, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without any mining and/or transport permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, which provides that:

***"Theft of Minerals** – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals mineral or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants..xxx"*

Hence, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting illegal sand and gravel activities in the area without the necessary mining permit and delivery receipt. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against the company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 4942.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,


ENGR. GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

¹ Republic Act (RA) No. 7942 – The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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