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MR. ROMMEL A. MAHINAY

Punong Barangay
Barangay Saraza
Brooke's Point, Palawan

Dear Mr. R. A. Mahinay:

Please be informed that on 07 July 2021, CENRO – Brooke's Point confirmed that representatives from Barangay Saraza has been conducting sand and gravel operation for government projects at Barangay Saraza, Brooke's Point, Palawan without a Government Gratuitous Permit pursuant to Sec. 73a of DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21¹.

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. 7942², 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, the Barangay is advised to refrain from further conducting sand and gravel activities until the necessary mining permit has been secured and to strictly monitor the sand and gravel activities in the area in accordance with the powers, duties and functions of the Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Section 389, Item No. 9 of the RA No. 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991.

Furthermore, please inform Mr. Karl Louie V. Valdestamon of the lacking requirements for the issuance of a Barangay endorsement in connection with his sand and gravel permit application.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

¹ The Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 7942

² The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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Mr. Karl Louie V. Valdestamon
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Brgy. Samarinihana, Brooke's Point, Palawan