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**Mr. Joel A. Macabutas**  
Barangay Iraan, Roxas  
Palawan

**Dear Mr. J. A. Macabutas:**

Please be informed that on 19 November 2021, CENRO –Roxas confirmed that you have been conducting sand and gravel operation without a mining permit in Iraan River, Sitio Macalan-calan, Bgy. Iraan, Roxas, Palawan.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without the necessary mining permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942<sup>1</sup>, 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, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel activities in the said area. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against you with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE**  
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
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**The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson**  
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Roxas, Palawan

**The CENRO – Roxas**  
Community Environment and Natural Resource Office  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Bgy. III (Poblacion), Roxas, Palawan

<sup>1</sup> The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

