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Lt. Col. Junios Fernandez

Brgy. Bucana
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Dear Lt. Col. J. Fernandez:

Please be informed that on 09 November 2021, CENRO – Taytay confirmed that you have been extracting earth materials from a hill near a road segment in Sitio Taberna, Barangay Bucana, El Nido, Palawan to minimize road accidents and disposing the same earth materials for a road concreting project without a Certificate of Accreditation pursuant to Regional Memorandum Order No. 2020-07.

The above-cited disposition of earth materials without a Certificate of Accreditation 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, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from disposing earth materials in the said area until the Certificate of Accreditation has been secured. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Regional Director

cf: **The Regional Executive Director**
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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