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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 Umay 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

**"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT
IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

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cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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The CENRO
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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**
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¹ Republic Act (RA) No. 7942 – The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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The CENRO

Coron, Palawan

The Mayor

Coron, Palawan

The Punong Barangay

Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan