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Ms. Norlita C. Zabalo

Punong Barangay
Barangay New Agutaya
San Vicente, Palawan

Dear Ms. N. C. Zabalo:

Please be informed that on 10 November 2021, CENRO – Roxas confirmed that certain individuals of Barangay New Agutaya, has been conducting sand and gravel operation at Inanding and Little Baguio River, Barangay New Agutaya, San Vicente, Palawan without the necessary mining permit.

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, the Barangay is advised to strictly monitor the sand and gravel activities in the said areas 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.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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