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Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco

President
BCT Trading and Construction
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:

Please be informed that on 26 October 2021, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) has been excavating earth materials in Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan for the Coron-Busuanga National Road Widening Project of the Department of Public Works and Highways without the necessary mining permit.

The above-cited excavation and disposition of earth 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 excavating in the area without a valid mining permit. 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. 7942.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

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

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

