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28 October 2021

Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco

President
BCT Trading and Construction
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:

This refers to your Letter dated 25 August 2021 on the compliance and clarification on the 22 June 2021 Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued to BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) by this Office.

Based on the above, BCT was conducting river bank enhancement instead of commercial sand and gravel operation in Papualan River. However, the 15 June 2021 Investigation Report of CENRO – Coron revealed that the purpose of the sand and gravel operation of BCT in Papualan River was for road construction and concreting projects

Please note that for river bank enhancement projects, BCT shall secure a Dredging Permit at the Department of Public Works and Highways pursuant to Item 5.3 of Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2019-01¹.

Hence, the above CDO is still in effect and is hereby reiterated until the necessary permit has been secured by BCT.

We hope that the matter has been clarified. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cf. **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The CENRO – Coron
Community Environment and Natural Resource Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Calle Nueva, Coron Town Proper, Coron

The Regional Director
Department of Public Works and Highways
MIMAROPA Region
EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City

The Mayor – Coron
Office of the Mayor
Coron, Palawan

¹ Guidelines on the Issuance of Clearance and/or Permit for Dredging within Waterways or other Inland Bodies of Water

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22 June 2021

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.

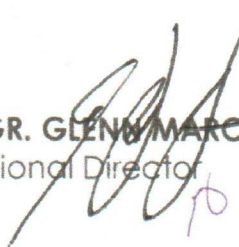
The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without any mining and/or transport permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, which provides that:

***"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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