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The Punong Barangay

Barangay Labog
Sofronio Espanola, Palawan

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please be informed that on 14 September 2021, CENRO – Brooke's Point confirmed that Kim Harold, contractor for the road concreting project of Barangay Labog, has been conducting sand and gravel operation at Barangay Pulot Center, Sofronio Espanola, Palawan without a Government Gratuitous Permit pursuant to Sec. 73a of DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21¹.

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. 7942², 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 refrain from further conducting sand and gravel activities until the necessary mining permit has been secured.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cf: **The Regional Executive Director**
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The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
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The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
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Poblacion District I, Brooke's Point, Palawan

¹ The Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 7942

² The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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