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**Mr. Carlito Valdestamon**

Samariana Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative  
Brooke's Point, Palawan

**Dear Mr. C. Valdestamon:**

Please be informed that on 09 July 2021, CENRO – Brooke's Point confirmed that Samariana Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Samariana) has been conducting sand and gravel operation outside their permit area under Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit No. CP (PLW) 259-03.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials outside the permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942<sup>1</sup>, 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, Samariana is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel activities outside their permit area. 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. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE**  
Regional Director

cf. **The Director**  
Presidential Complaint Center  
Office of the President  
Malacanang Complex, San Miguel, Manila  
Ticket Reference No. G2020702-774-24

**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 Mayor**  
Brooke's Point  
Municipal Hall, Brooke's Point, Palawan

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

**The CENRO**  
Brooke's Point  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Poblacion District I, Brooke's Point, Palawan

**The Environment and Natural Resources Officer – Palawan**  
Provincial Government of Palawan  
Capitol Complex, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

**Mr. Richard M. Lopez**  
Complainant  
Brgy. Saraza, Brooke's Point, Palawan

<sup>1</sup> The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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

