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MUNICIPALITY OF PALUAN  
BARANGAY XII – MANANAO



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MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU - MIMAROPA REGION			

Hon. Roland A. De Jesus, CESOV  
Regional Director  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau  
MIMAROPA REGION

Dear RD De Jesus,

This refers to the 07 December 2020 CEASE AND DESIST ORDER pertaining to illegal pebble-picking operation being conducted by Mindoro Rocks and Pebbles Cooperative in Brgy. Mananao, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro which falls under my jurisdiction.

As the subject CDO mandates the concerned Barangay Chief Executive to monitor and oversee the strict compliance thereof pursuant to Sec. 3 389 of R.A 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), please be informed that the undersigned, has dutifully complied the strict implementation of this order upon receipt thereof up to present.

The subsequent events that occurred thereafter caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic had debilitating effects to the economic activities and livelihood of our constituents in my area, close to starvation.

It is for this major humanitarian reason that I humbly appeal that CDO you have earlier issued, be considerably lifted temporarily and open to whoever permittee in my jurisdiction to buy the pebbles as the pebble picking operation is one of a major source of livelihood in my area. Rest assured that we shall strictly abide and conform with the law (R.A 7942) that only persons with proper permit on license can participate.

We are earnestly praying that you could give this matter you immediate and favorable action.

Very truly yours,

  
ALLAN M. MULINGBAYAN  
Punong Barangay

CC: THE PENRO  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

THE CENRO  
Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

THE GOVERNOR  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

THE MAYOR  
Paluan, Occidental Mindoro

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**The Punong Barangay**  
 Brgy. Mananao, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro

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**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

This refers to the Monitoring Report dated 26 November 2020 by the technical personnel of this Office stationed in CENRO-Sablayan, re: "Monitoring Report of Quarry Operations Including Sand and Gravel and Pebble Picking Activities at Tilik, Lubang and Mananao, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro", which was received by this Office on 01 December 2020.

The result of the investigation confirms that **Mr. Sonny Tanala** and **Mr. Rodrigo Casanoba** of Mindoro Rocks and Pebble Cooperative, are conducting illegal pebble-picking operation in Brgy. Mananao, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro.

Please be informed that Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995*, provides that:

*"Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of. xxx."*

In view thereof, this **CEASE and DESIST ORDER** is hereby issued and in accordance with the powers, duties and functions of a Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Section 389, item no. 9 of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, you are hereby advised to monitor the strict compliance of this Order among your constituents, or contractors, if any, within your administrative jurisdiction.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Roland A. De Jesus*  
**ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V**  
 Regional Director

cc: **THE PENRO and CONCURRENT ACTING PMRB CHAIRPERSON**  
 Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

**THE MAYOR**  
 Paluan, Occidental Mindoro

**THE CENRO**  
 Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

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