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PB ALLAN M. MULINGBAYAN

Punong Barangay Barangay XII - Mananao Paluan, Occidental Mindoro

Dear PB A. M. Mulingbayan:

This refers to your Letter dated 15 April 2021 requesting for the lifting of the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) dated 07 December 2020 issued by this Office to certain members of Mindoro Rocks and Pebble Cooperative for conducting illegal pebble-picking operation in Brgy. Mananao, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro.

Please be informed that the above violation constitutes a criminal offense under Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942 (Theft of Minerals) which, hard as it may, cannot be tolerated by this Office lest we be accused of complicity with such a crime.

In view of the foregoing and in order to lift the CDO, the said cooperative, which must be duly registered with the Bureau of Cooperative Development must secure from the Office of the Provincial Governor a Special Permit for Pebble Picking pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 1992-28 in re: "Guidelines in the Issuance of Special Permits for Pebble Picking Along Beaches."

Attached is a copy of the said DAO for your information and guidance.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESO V

Assistant Director Regional Director in concurrent capacity MGB MIMAROPA Region

cc: The Regional Executive Director DENR - MIMAROPA

> THE PENRO and Concurrent PMRB Chairperson Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

The CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

The Provincial Governor Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

The Municipal Mayor Paluan, Occidental Mindoro

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