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MS. MICHELLE RODRIGUEZA

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Dear Ms. M. Rodriguez:

This refers to the Letter-complaint dated 03 March 2022 addressed to the DENR Secretary from the *Panglima* (traditional leader) of the Palaw'an Tribe against the alleged drilling operation to be conducted by Lebach Mining Corporation (Lebach) in Sitio Pangatliban, Ipilan, Brooke's Point, Palawan.

The said Letter was forwarded to this Office on 07 March 2022 and 14 March 2022 by the CENRO-Brooke's Point, Palawan and PENRO-Palawan, respectively.

An investigation was then undertaken on 29 March 2022 by this Office.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Lebach conducted drilling activity within private lots in Barangay Ipilan, Brooke's Point, Palawan without any approved mining permit or contract.

Such act constituted illegal exploration, which violated the provision of Section 102 of Republic Act No. 7942. Hence, Lebach is directed to submit an explanation why the company should not be charged with illegal exploration within five days upon receipt of this Letter.

Please be reminded that Lebach's Mineral Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA) is still unregistered and not yet released by this Office.

Pending the registration and release of the said MPSA, Lebach should CEASE AND DESIST from conducting any exploration or related activity in the area.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.
OIC, Regional Director

Cf: **The Regional Executive Director**
DENR-MIMAROPA Region

The PENRO-Palawan
The CENRO-Brooke's Point

The Punong Barangay
Ipilan, Brooke's Point, Palawan



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