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**Mr. Francisco Refil**  
Barangay 3, Purok Mabuhay  
Roxas, Palawan

**Dear Mr. F. Refil:**

Please be informed that on 22 April 2022, CENRO – Roxas confirmed that you extracted sand materials for your hollow blocks business in your private property at Barangay 3, Purok Mabuhay, Roxas, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand materials without a mining permit even within a private property 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, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand extraction even within your private property without a valid mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against you with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 4942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**  
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**The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson**  
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**The CENRO - Roxas**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Barangay III (Poblacion), Roxas, Palawan

**The Mayor – Roxas**  
Office of the Mayor  
Roxas, Palawan

**The Punong Barangay**  
Caramay, Roxas, Palawan

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

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

