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**ENGR. MICHAEL ARZAGA**  
Municipal Engineering Office  
Taytay, Palawan

**Dear Engr. M. Arzaga:**

Please be informed that on 25 July 2022, CENRO – Taytay confirmed that the Municipal Engineering Office of Taytay extracted sand and gravel materials in Sitio Ibangle, Barangay Abongon, Taytay, Palawan for various local government projects without a Government Gratuitous Permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without a Government Gratuitous 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, the Municipal Engineering Office of Taytay is advised not to resume its sand and gravel extraction in the area until the necessary mining permit has been secured.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
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Regional Director

**The Regional Executive Director**  
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<sup>1</sup> The Philippine Mining Act of 1993  
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