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**Dr. Nanette B. Tansingco**  
Municipal Mayor  
San Fernando, Romblon

**Dear Mayor N. B. Tansingco:**

Please be advised that on 08 July 2022, the PENRO of Romblon confirmed that the Local Government Unit (LGU) of San Fernando previously extracted beach sand materials in Cresta de Gallo Island for the plaza's beautification project in 2018 without a valid mining permit.

This Office respectfully informs that the above-cited extraction of beach sand materials is strictly prohibited pursuant to Section 1 of *Batas Pambansa Blg. (BPB) 265<sup>1</sup>*, which provides that:

*"Section 1. Any provision of law, presidential decree, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, the extraction of gravel and sand and such other activities as would erode or diminish the natural beauty of beaches are prohibited..xxx"*

Hence, the LGU of San Fernando is advised to refrain from further conducting beach sand extraction in the area.

Please be guided accordingly.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE**  
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region

**The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson**  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Barangay Tabing-dagat, Odiongan, Romblon

**The President**  
Isla de Gallo Resort Operators and Drivers Association Inc.

<sup>1</sup> Batas Pambansa Blg. 265 re: "An Act Prohibiting the Extraction of Gravel and Sand from Beaches and Providing Penalties Therefor

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

