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13 July 2022

MR. MARION RAAGAS

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Dear Mr. M. Raagas:

This has reference to the instruction of Atty. Jonas R. Leones, DENR Undersecretary (USEC) for Policy, Planning and International Affairs through Memorandum dated June 29, 2022, to inform you of the actions taken by this Office on the reports on illegal quarrying and reclamation in the municipality of Coron, Palawan.

In this regard, we are respectfully providing a copy of the 9 June 2022 Memorandum by this Office which was forwarded to USEC J. R. Leones on 10 June 2022, for your information and reference.

Further, please be informed of the following activities undertaken in relation to the said issue and concern:

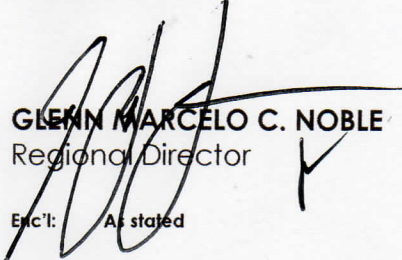
1. A Quarry Rehabilitation Plan (for Brgys. Decalachao and San Nicolas, Coron) of BCT Trading and Construction, Inc. and 428 Hi-tech Group, Inc. was presented during the 2nd inter-agency meeting held on 23 June 2022 at DENR MIMAROPA Region. Based on the said plan, MGB MIMAROPA recommended and advised that actual relocation and topographic surveys of the quarry sites shall be undertaken by the said proponents including the quarry site in Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, to have a detailed data of the ground as basis for an effective rehabilitation plan/design;
2. On 30 June 2022, the actual relocation and topographic surveys were started by said proponents, as assisted by MGB MIMAROPA and EMB MIMAROPA representatives. However, due to torrential rains brought by the effects of the Southwest Monsoon, Intertropical Convergence Zone, and Low-Pressure Area, the survey was slightly delayed. Per information from our representative, the survey resumes during fair weather where quarry slope is stable and safe; and
3. On 13 July 2022, the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of Coron, Palawan forwarded to this Office the Rehabilitation Plan for Brgy. Poblacion 6 Quarry Area as prepared and submitted by the Local Government Unit of Coron, Palawan, for further evaluation.

Rest assured that we will inform you of further development/s on the aforementioned activities as well as the output of the proponents on the conduct of actual survey of quarry sites.

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Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

Enc'l: As stated

cc: **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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09 June 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

FROM : **THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE**
Office of the Regional Director
This Office

SUBJECT : **REPORTS ON THE ILLEGAL QUARRYING AND RECLAMATION IN
CORON, PALAWAN**

ATTACHMENTS :

1. Summary Report on the Illegal Mountain Quarry Operations in Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan, dated 31 March 2022
2. Geohazard Assessment of Mountain Quarry Sites in Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan, dated 31 March 2022
3. Memorandum on the Reclamation and Quarrying Activities in Coron, Palawan, dated 25 May 2022
4. List of Cease and Desist Orders issued by MGB MIMAROPA in Coron, Palawan as of 08 June 2022

We are respectfully forwarding copies of the above documents in compliance with the Memorandum dated 06 June 2022.

Hereunder are the highlights:

1. The Provincial Governor, pursuant to Chapter VIII of RA. No. 7942¹, has the sole authority to issue the following permits:
 - a. Quarry Permit
 - b. Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit
 - c. Gratuitous Permit
 - d. Industrial Sand and Gravel Permit (for area less than 5 has.)
 - e. Exclusive Sand and Gravel Permit
2. Being the issuing entity, the Office of the Governor has the sole function to suspend or cancel the permits it has issued.
3. The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) - MIMAROPA Region issues Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs) for violations of Sections 102 and 103 of RA No. 7942. Let it be emphasized that only those

¹ Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, the Philippine Mining Act of 1995

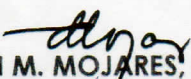
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without permit or illegally extracting/transporting/disposing minerals, quarry or sand and gravel materials are subject to this Sections. Therefore, it would include those who are extracting outside the valid permit area.

4. From CY 2018 to present, the MGB MIMAROPA Region has issued 14 CDOs. This includes the CDOs issued in connection with the reclamation and other government infrastructure projects in Coron, Palawan.
5. A composite team from the central and MIMAROPA regional offices of the DENR, MGB and Environmental Management Bureau conducted a site investigation, inspection, and validation of the said project and its mountain quarry resources on 24-25 March 2022, in compliance with the 23 March 2022 instruction from the DENR Secretary Jim O. Sampilna.
6. Following the investigation by the DENR composite team, geologist from the MGB MIMAROPA Region performed a rapid geohazard assessment on the quarry areas in Brgy. Poblacion 6 in Coron on 28 March 2022. This is to assess the ground condition of the quarry sites and to determine the potential risks associated with landslide and other forms of mass movements.

The geologists recommended that slope stabilization be undertaken during the rehabilitation of the quarry areas in Brgy Poblacion 6.

For the Undersecretary's information and ready reference.


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.

Enc'l: As stated

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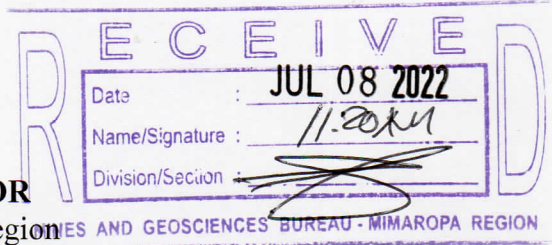
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TO : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
DENR MGB, MIMAROPA Region

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : REPORTS ON ILLEGAL QUARRYING AND
RECLAMATION IN CORON, PALAWAN

DATE : JUN 29 2022

This is to acknowledge receipt of the Memorandum dated 9 June 2022 providing highlights of the reports on the illegal quarrying and reclamation in Coron, Palawan, in response to the Memorandum dated 6 June 2022.

While we have taken note of the highlights provided therein, you are requested to inform Mr. Raagas of these developments.

For appropriate action, please.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES



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