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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The OIC-Regional Executive Director**
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THRU : **Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : **The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer**
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEDGED QUARRY
ACTIVITY IN SITIO QUINCE DIAZ, BRGY. GUADALUPE,
CORON, PALAWAN**

Respectfully endorsing is the report of the MGB and EMB personnel dated 09 June 2022 regarding the abovementioned subject.

Last 08 June 2022, a field campaign was conducted in Sitio Quince Diaz, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron. This was in response to the order of PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc regarding the continuous operation of sand and gravel extraction by the BCT Construction and Trading in the said area. Upon visiting the site, no operation was observed both ongoing and recent based on the gathered information. This is further supported by an interview with the resident foreman in the site, known as Foreman Black.

For your information and record.

For and in the absence of the CENRO



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In-charge of the Office of CENR

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09 June 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

FROM : The Undersigned

SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED QUARRY
ACTIVITY IN SITIO QUINCEDIAZ, BRGY. GUADALUPE,
CORON, PALAWAN



Background Information

Last 08 June 2022, the undersigned – Mines and Geosciences Bureau and Environmental Management Bureau embedded personnel conducted an investigation in Sitio Quince Diaz, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron. This is in connection with the received order from the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) – Felizardo B. Cayatoc. According to the received information, BCT Construction & Trading is continuously conducting sand and gravel extraction in the said area.

Purpose and Scope

The fieldwork was initiated to confirm the said activity and as a follow-up monitoring of the compliance of the proponent to the issued cease-and-desist order dated 24 March 2021 which has been reiterated last 28 April 2022. The investigation includes an ocular inspection of the site, photo documentation, and verbal interviews.

Findings and Observations

1. The subject area is situated within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve under the jurisdiction of Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan. It is geographically located at 12° 03' 54" N, 120° 09' 33" E. This is approximately 11 km away from CENRO Coron and can be reached within an approximately 20-minute motorcycle ride (Figure 1).
2. Upon arrival at the site, workers were observed making culverts (*see Photo Documentation*). These workers were interviewed by the undersigned and mentioned that there is no ongoing quarry activity in the area. With regard to other questions, the workers referred the undersigned to one "Foreman Black".

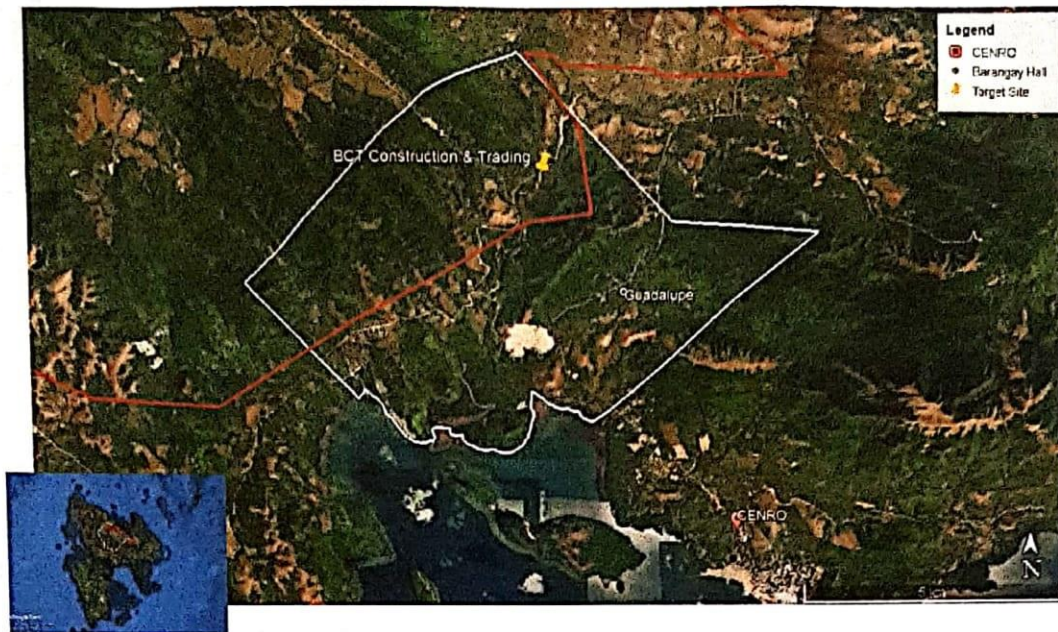



Figure 1. Location map of the investigated sand and gravel quarry in Sitio Quince Diaz. The white line denotes the approximate barangay boundary whereas the red line signifies the boundary of Busuanga Pasture Reserve. The image is excerpted from Google Earth.

3. Interview with the foreman, Mr. Reynold "Black" Petalbero, mentioned that they were only utilizing the remaining stockpiles in the area in making reinforced concrete pipe culvert (RCPC) (*see Photo Documentation*). He added that these RCPCs are for the concreting projects of the government, mainly the DPWH. He further added that they have complied with the newly released CDO of the MGB.
4. Mr. Jess Duaso, the liaising officer of BCT Construction & Trading, via phone call confirms that they have indeed ceased their operation in the area and mentions possible closing of the site once the stockpiles are exhausted.
5. On-site observations suggest that there were no recent quarry activity in the area. Evidences such as the undisturbed river channel and rough roads with no track marks were noted. To add, vines are already growing in the area and no quarry equipment was noticed (*see Photo Documentation*).


Comments and Recommendations

1. The company is recommended to continue the compliance with the released CDO. Should they plan to continue their operations, the acquisition of the necessary documents is required.

For your reference, record, and further instruction(s).



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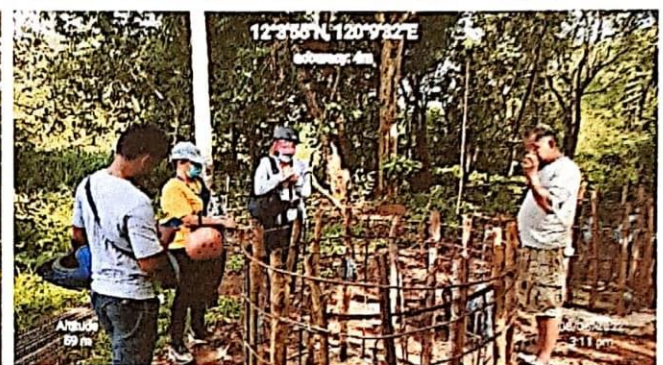
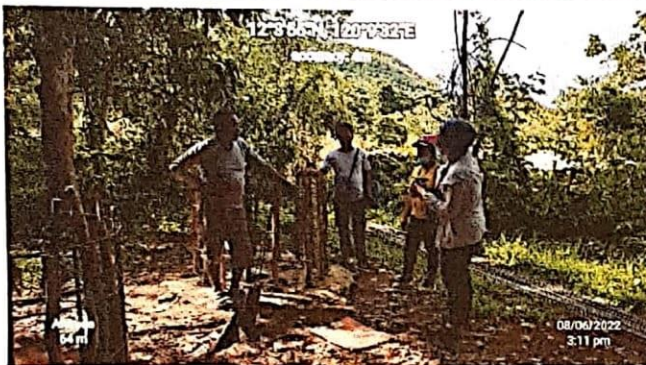


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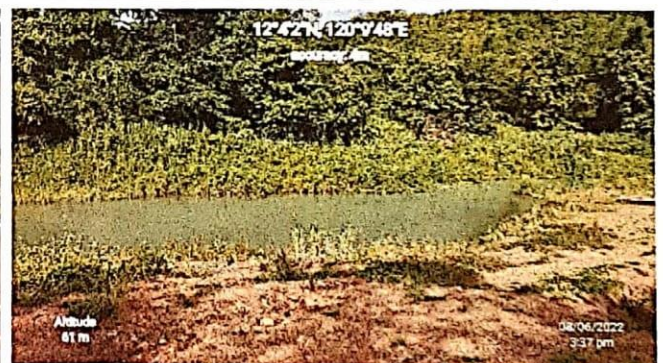
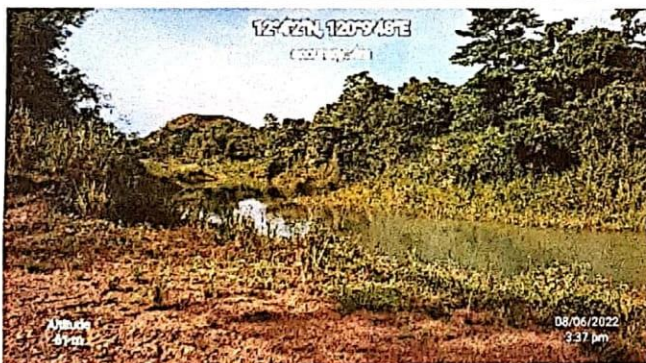
Photo Documentation



Workers within the quarry site observed making reinforced concrete pipe culverts (RCPC).



Interview with Mr. Petalbero (Foreman Black). The circular wood are used to shape the steel reinforcements of the RCPCs.



Current state of the river in quarry site and the road leading to it.