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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. Sampulna.
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

cf: **The Undersecretary**
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The Undersecretary
Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs
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The Regional Executive Director
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01 April 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Director
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

SUBJECT : Reports on the Geohazard Assessment and Investigation
of the Illegal Mountain Quarry Operations in Poblacion
VI, Coron, Palawan

We are respectfully forwarding the attached reports on the geohazard assessment and investigation of the illegal mountain quarry operations in Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan, in compliance to the directive of the Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

For the Director's information and further instruction.


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.

Enc'l: As stated

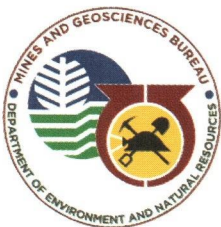
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31 March 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Director
This Office *dtg*

THRU : The Chief *Recommending for the RD's notation*
Mine Management Division

FROM : The Undersigned
This Office

SUBJECT : Summary Report on the Illegal Mountain Quarry Operations in Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan

In compliance to the directive of the Regional Director, the undersigned prepared a summary of information pertaining to the illegal mountain quarry operations in Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan.

This summary report aims to provide a backgrounder on the actions taken by this Office in connection with the reported illegal mountain quarry operations in Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan as well as to provide further recommendations on the matter.

Based on the reports from the Provincial/Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, this Office has issued the following Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs) (See Annex A for copies of the CDOs):

Date Issued	Location	Violator
23 September 2020	Brgy. Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan (on the LGU compound quarry area)	BCT Construction
01 December 2021	Brgy. Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan (on the Quarry Area of Ms. Bella Tiotangcco)	Ms. Bella Tiotangcco

Background:

This Office received two (2) complaints against the illegal mountain quarrying operations in Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan, as follows:

No.	Complaint Received Date	Complainant	Medium of Communication
1.	08 July 2020		Palawan News Article titled "DENR Stops illegal Quarry Operations in Coron Mountain"

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2.	12 November 2021	Ms. Inya Gonzales	DENR Action Center with Reference No. ACK20211111-14 per email dated 07 November 2021 of Ms. Inya Gonzales
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See Annex B for copies of the complaints

Based on the above, the materials extracted from the said quarrying operations were allegedly intended for the reclamation project and other government infrastructures projects in Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan.

The details of the above complaints are discussed hereunder:

1. Palawan News Article titled “DENR Stops illegal Quarry Operations in Coron Mountain” dated 08 July 2020

Location: Brgy. Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan (on the LGU compound quarry area) See Figure 1 for the Location Map.

Complaint details:

Based on the said article, *“a large-scale quarrying operation in Coron that has been cutting a large swath of mountain as filling materials for a reclamation project and several government infrastructure projects.”*

Actions Taken by this Office:

(See Annex C for copies of the Actions Taken)

- a. On 14 July 2020, this Office issued a Memorandum to the PENRO and Concurrent PMRB Chairperson - Palawan requesting to assess the volume and classification of the extracted materials for proper imposition of taxes.
- b. On 15 September 2020, this Office received a copy of the Memorandum dated 16 July 2020 from PENRO–Palawan providing a report on the technical conference facilitated by the CENRO–Coron regarding the extraction activities in Coron, Palawan. Highlights of the report are as follows:
 1. The technical conference was attended by the representatives of the Municipal Government of Coron, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, Barangay Council of Poblacion VI, Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB)–Coron, EMB–MIMAROPA and BCT Construction (BCT) as contractors of the reclamation project in the bay area of Coron.
 2. BCT admitted that it is still excavating the area as part of their agreement with the Local Government Unit (LGU) on its development projects.

3. PMRB-Coron affirmed that BCT has an approved quarry permit but is operating in a different location, i.e., the LGU Compound quarry area.

4. The attendees agreed to the following recommendations:

- The PMRB-Coron shall furnish the CENRO-Coron with copy/ies of the quarry permits/s of contractor/s involved in the Coron Waterfront Development Project.
- The contractors of the reclamation project shall operate only within the approved quarry permit area.
- The contractor shall stop its operation once it stabilizes the slopes and critical areas given a period of one week.
- The CENRO shall place a signage at the excavation area indicating that the activity will be put on hold until the LGU secure the pertinent permits and clearances.

c. On the same Memorandum, PENRO-Palawan informed that CENRO-Coron has already surveyed the area with the corresponding map and technical description and forwarded the same to this Office for the computation of extracted materials as basis for the imposition of penalties.

d. On 28 July 2020, this Office forwarded to the PENRO and Concurrent PMRB Chairperson-Palawan the estimated extracted materials on the illegal mountain quarry operation in Coron, Palawan.

Based on the pre and post contours of the subject area, as well as verification point obtained in the field by CENRO-Coron, this Office computed the estimated extraction volume at 579,571 cubic meters or equivalent to 1,622,800 tons using the 2.8 specific gravity of the silicified sandstone materials.

e. On 23 September 2020, this Office issued a CDO to BCT for extracting mountain quarry material outside its permit area.

2. DENR Action Center with Reference No. ACK20211111-14 per email dated 07 November 2021 of Ms. Inya Gonzales

Location: Brgy. Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan (on the Quarry Permit Area of Ms. Bella Tiotangco) See Figure 1 for the Location Map.

Complaint details:

A Petition Letter against the continuous quarrying operation in Coron, Palawan.

Actions Taken:

(See Annex D for copies of the Actions Taken)

- a. On 12 November 2021 this Office issued a Memorandum to PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson–Palawan requesting to conduct a site investigation.
- b. On the same date, this Office forwarded to EMB–MIMAROPA the concern to clarify the ECC issued.
- c. This Office received the investigation report dated 23 November 2021 from CENRO–Coron with the information that BCT, purported operator of Ms. Bella Tiotangco's Quarry Permit Area, has been conducting quarry operation outside the permit area.
- d. On 01 December 2021, this Office issued a CDO to Ms. Bella Tiotangco for conducting quarrying operation outside Quarry Permit No. QP (PLW) No. 02-01.
- e. On 28 March 2022, this Office conducted a geohazard assessment on the quarry site of Ms. Tiotangco as well as the quarry area of Mr. Alfredo D. Batul, and the disturbed ground covered by the LGU compound quarry site.

Other Findings:

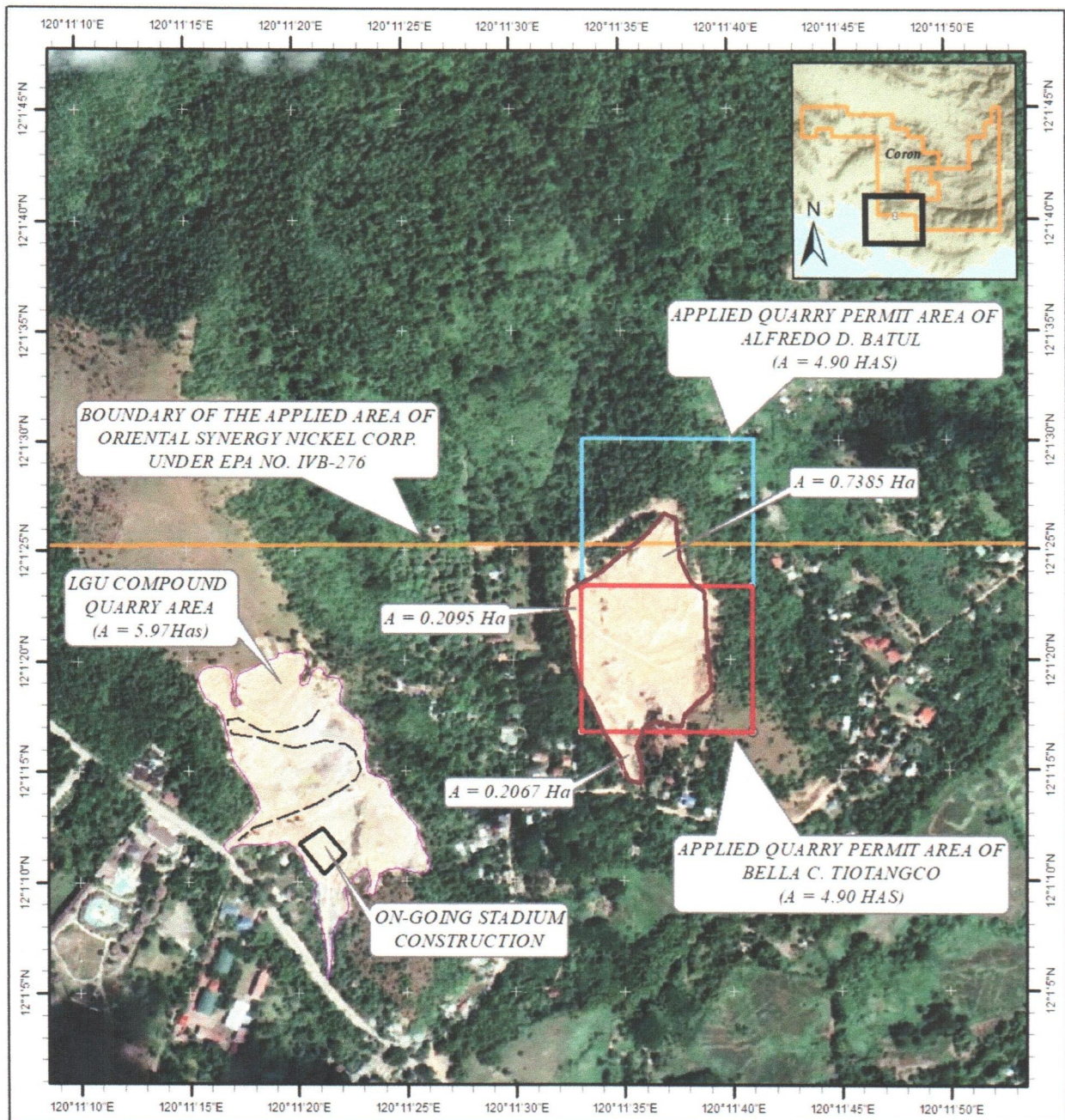
- a. During the conduct of the geohazard assessment on the quarry site of Ms. Tiotangco, it was observed that there are two (2) Notice to the Public signages of information relating to the Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECC) of Bella C. Tiotangco and Alfredo D. Batul granted on October 14, 2009, and November 23, 2009, respectively (See Annex E for Notice to the Public Signages).

The area covered by the ECC of Mr. Batul's quarry operation is adjacent to the northern portion of Ms. Tiotangco's permit area (See Figure 1 for the Location Map).

The total excavated area outside the quarry permit area of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco is approximately 1.1547ha and about 0.7385ha of it falls within the project area indicated in the ECC of Alfredo D. Batul. (See Annex F)

- b. Based on the Area Status evaluation issued on 04 December 2009 on the Quarry Permit Application No. QPA-(PLW)-06 of Mr. Alfredo D. Batul, the applied area is in conflict with the Exploration Permit Application (EPA) of Oriental Synergy Nickel Corp. under EPA No. IVB-276 (See Annex G).
- c. Based on the existing permits issued in the province of Palawan as of September 25, 2020, there are only two (2) Quarry Permits issued by the LGU–Palawan under the names of Ms. Michelle Tiotangco and Ms. Bella Tiotangco (See Annex H).

Figure 1. Location Map



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LOCATION MAP

Applied Boundaries for Quarry Permit of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco and Mr. Alfredo D. Batul and the Exploration Permit Application of Oriental Synergy Nickel Corp. situated in Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan.



0 75 150 300 450
Meters
DATUM: WGS'84 SCALE: 1:8,000

Legend

- Quarry Trail
- Actual Disturbed Area (A = 4.45 Has)
- Applied Quarry Permit Area of Bella C. Tiotangco
- Applied Quarry Permit Area of Alfredo D. Batul
- Applied Area of Oriental Synergy Nickel Corp. under EPA No. IVB-276
- LGU Compound Quarry Area
- On-going Stadium Construction

PREPARED BY: MGB MIMAROPA Region
DATE PREPARED: MARCH 30, 2022


Recommendations

In view of the foregoing, the undersigned recommends the following action:

- a.** Filing of criminal case against BCT by DENR-MIMAROPA as these increasing involvements in illegal quarrying operations have been observed for the past two (2) years.
- b.** Require all LGU to apply for a Government Gratuitous Permit for government infrastructure projects pursuant to Section 49 of Republic Act No. 7942.
- c.** Monitoring by the P/CENRO concerned on the compliance to CDOs issued within its jurisdiction pursuant to the Memorandum dated 24 May 2021 issued by this Office (See Annex I).
- d.** Conduct of assessment/computation of the extracted quarry materials by the LGU Palawan and quarry operators within and outside the permit area to determine the volume of materials extracted in relation to the ECC and the Quarry Permit issued.

For the Regional Director's information and further instruction.


Ivan F. Macandog
Engineer III


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Engineer III

List of Annexes

Annex A	Copies of the CDOs
Annex B	Copies of the complaints
Annex C	Copies of the Actions Taken on the Article posted in the Palawan News
Annex D	Copies of the Actions Taken on the complaint of Ms. Inya Gonzales
Annex E	Notice to the Public Signages
Annex F	ECC of Mr. Alfredo D. Batul
Annex G	Area Status evaluation issued on 04 December 2009 on the Quarry Permit Application No. QPA-(PLW)-06 of Mr. Alfredo D. Batul.
Annex H	Existing permits issued in the province of Palawan as of September 25, 2020).
Annex I	Memorandum dated 24 May 2021 issued by this Office.

Annex A
Copies of the CDOs



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23 September 2020

MR. TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO

President/ Project Developer
BCT Construction/ Coron Development Project
Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:

This refers to the Memorandum Report dated 19 June 2020 of Mr. Pedro A. Velasco, OIC CENRO-Coron, re: *"Report on the Technical Conference Conducted Regarding the Excavation Activities in Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan"* which was received by this Office on 15 September 2020.

Based on the above, it was reported that BCT Construction, Project Developer of Coron Development Project, has been extracting mountain quarry materials outside its permit area.

Please be informed that Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995*, provides that:

"Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of. xxx."

In this regard, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting mountain quarry activities in the area without the necessary mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case(s) before a competent court, if found necessary.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V
Regional Director

cc: **THE PENRO and CONCURRENT PMRB CHAIRPERSON**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

THE CENRO
Coron, Palawan

THE MAYOR
Coron, Palawan

THE PUNONG BARANGAY
Brgy. Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan

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01 December 2021

Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco

Sitio Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6
Coron, Palawan

Dear Ms. B. C. Tiotangco:

Please be informed that on 24 November 2021, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT), purported operator of your Mountain Quarry Project, has been conducting quarrying operation outside Quarry Permit No. QP (PLW) No. 02-01.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of quarry materials outside the permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, 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, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting quarry activities outside your permit area. 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. 7942.

Furthermore, please conduct relocation survey on the approved quarry area since based on our records there are inconsistencies on the reference point and tie lines on the submitted Survey Plan that results to an erroneous data on the computed coordinates.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARGO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

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Ticket Reference No. ACK20211111-14

The Regional Executive Director
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Coron, Palawan

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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Annex B
Copies of the complaints

DENR stops illegal quarry operations in Coron mountain

By **Patricia Laririt and Aira Genesa Magdayao** - July 08, 2020



(Quarrying operation in Mt. Dipulao, Barangay 6 Coron. Contributed photo)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has stopped a large-scale quarrying operation in Coron that has been cutting a large swath of mountain as filling materials for a reclamation project and several government infrastructure projects.

A local DENR official told Palawan News a notice of violation (NOV) on the project was issued by their Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), prompting them to stop the quarrying activities.

Development Management Officer (DMO) Pete Velasco of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) said that they have ordered the contractor of the project undertaking the quarrying activities to stop their operations.

“Bale nagsulat kami sa kanila nang dalawa noong May pa. Ngayon lang, kinausap na lang namin sila na huminto. Nag-issue rin ang EMB ng notice of violation noong June 23,” Velasco told Palawan News.

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(The DENR stoppage order posted on the quarry road. Contributed photo)

Joint government projects

Velasco told Palawan News that the quarry materials are being utilized for an ongoing reclamation project of the provincial government and several infrastructure projects of the municipal government.



(A portion of the ongoing Coron bay reclamation. Contributed photo)

“Dalawa ang tinatambakan diyan. Isa `yong sa project ni Gob [JCA], `yong Coron Bay Development Project, at `yong isa, `yong para sa public market na project naman ng LGU,” Velasco said.

However, upon confirming with Provincial Information Officer Winston Arzaga if this was indeed a project of the current provincial administration, he said that to his knowledge, it is a project of the Coron local government unit (LGU).

“Wala kaming feedback doon. Project daw iyon ng LGU Coron. Malaking project daw `yon. Actually, alam ko LGU `yon, eh, `di ko alam, wala akong info doon,” Arzaga told Palawan News.

“Pero alam ni Mayor [Mario T. Reyes] `yan. Alam niya `yan,” he added.

Palawan News has so far been unable to reach the office of Mayor Reyes. However, a councilor has told Palawan News that the project did not go through the Sangguniang Bayan of Coron.

Luchie Cabantoy, Coron municipal councilor and chair of the Sangguniang Bayan’s committee on infrastructure, told Palawan News that the quarrying activity has no permit issued by either the DENR or the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), including an environmental compliance certificate.



(A quarry operator’s truck delivering quarry materials to the reclamation site. Contributed photo)

“Alam naman natin na kahit government project ‘yan ay dapat dumadaan ‘sa tamang proseso. Dapat may matatanggap kami na document from the barangay and others for the endorsement. But, being a chairman of the committee on infrastructure ay wala pa kaming nare-receive na documents from the project. Sa level ng Sangguniang bayan ay wala pa rin pero hindi ko lang sigurado kung may advance silang binigay sa Mayor’s Office,” Cabantoy said.

The Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS), which issues a special clearance to all major development projects in Palawan, also confirmed that the quarrying activity was being utilized for the ongoing reclamation project.

PCSD spokesperson Jovic Fabello, in an interview with Palawan News on July 6, noted that the private contractors undertaking the quarrying have no permits.

“Wala ngang mga papeles ang contractor ng quarry, pero sa ngayon pino-proseso na nila. Iyong Dipulao na quarrying, doon kinukuha ang panambak para sa reclamation site sa town proper,” Fabello said.

Fabello did not explain why the project was allowed by the PCSD to go on without securing the proper permits.

Asked who are the contractors involved in the project, Velasco stated:

“Basta ang isa, Mercado ang may-ari. ‘Yong isa naman, BCT name ng company. Hindi ko alam ang ibig sabihin ng BCT,” said Velasco.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MUST PUT AN IMMEDIATE STOP TO THE CONTINUED QUARRYING ACTIVITIES IN CORON

We represent concerned citizens and residents of Coron, Northern Palawan.

We are concerned that quarrying and reclamation activities have been undertaken in Coron without letup despite the absence of environmental assessments, other pertinent permits, and the absence of extensive consultations among Coron residents.

We demand to know if all these quarrying activities were issued Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECCs) by the DENR. If so, we demand that the DENR conduct an immediate review of these ECCs in light of the serious environmental damage that such quarrying and reclamation have caused and order the immediate stoppage of these activities.

Coron residents are not aware on the use of these quarry materials and whether the so-called infrastructure development projects are based on an updated comprehensive land use plan, annual development plan and annual investment plan. Our Constitution, the Local Government Code and various environmental laws provide for participatory processes in the pursuit of development projects. Sadly, we do not see the implementation of these policies and laws in Coron.

Hills and mountains have been demolished because of quarrying activities and the harmful impacts have already been experienced by Coron residents. Siltation has occurred in our mangrove and coral reef areas. Mangroves that support sustainable coastal and marine ecosystems were destroyed because of the reclamation activities. The pollutive dust generated by such quarrying and reclamation activities have endangered the health and safety of Coron residents. Extractive and infrastructure development activities have resulted to the flooding of the town.

Clearly, these so-called infrastructure development and related activities have threatened the only natural resources and environmental assets that Coron has, and which have provided livelihood opportunities to its community. We regret that Coron's political stewards have allowed these destructive projects to continue. Concerns on the possibility of bribery need to be investigated.





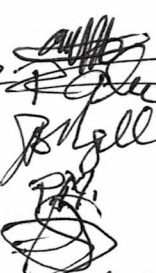





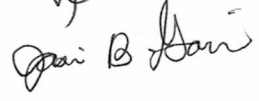
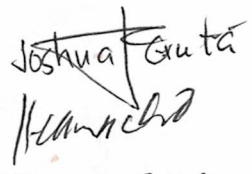
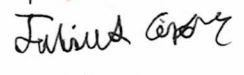
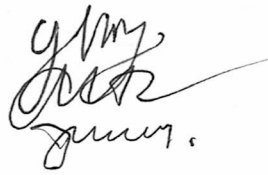
We assert that quarrying and reclamation activities have to stop and a comprehensive study must be done to determine the need and appropriateness for such quarrying and reclamation activities.

As a steward of our resources, we compel government agencies to uphold our rights to healthful and balanced ecology and implement whatever is necessary in order to stop the further destruction of our mountains and coastal areas.

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1. MARLITA V. LAYOG	B-1	-	mlfayog
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3. Jonalyn Turtim	B-2		
4. Yhonne Rodriguez	B-2		Rodriguez W
5. ZENaida Villaceran	B-1		Z. Villaceran
6. Tatet Lopez	B-1		Tatet
7. RJ Neil E. Hiyagon	B-1		enw
8. Jess Ybanez	B-1		
9. Ryan Ybanez	B-1		
10. Princess Angel Ybanez	B-1		
11. Jhonrick Ybanez	B-1		
12. Rosalin Villacapa	B-1		
13. Rekent Angba	B-1		Rekent
14. Jenny Rose Solomon	B-1		Jenny Rose
15. Fabila Tado	B-1		Fabila
16. Jerson P. Alvarez	B-1		Jerson
17. Kristine P. Alvarez	B-1		Kristine
18. Jenelyn Carasa	B-1		Jenelyn
19. Jessica Alvarez	B-1		Jessica
20. Krystalane Alvarez	B-1		Krystalane
21. Jerico Alvarez	B-1		Jerico
22. Rosalyn Betantos	B-1		Rosalyn
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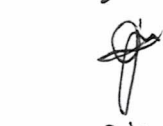








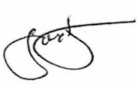
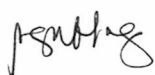
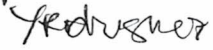

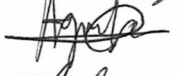




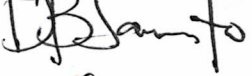


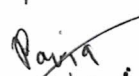
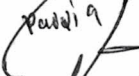



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Annex C

Copies of the Actions Taken on the Article posted in
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14 July 2020

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE PENRO AND**
CONCURRENT PMRB CHAIRMAN
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Province of Palawan

FROM : **THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
This Office

SUBJECT : **ILLEGAL MOUNTAIN QUARRY OPERATION IN CORON,**
PALAWAN

This refers to the attached copy of the Palawan News article published on 08 July 2020 titled "*DENR Stops Illegal Quarry Operations in Coron Mountain.*"

Based on the said article, an alleged illegal quarrying operation in Coron has been cutting a large swath of mountain as filling materials for a reclamation project and several government infrastructures projects.

In this regard, this Office requests that the volume and classification of the extracted materials be assessed for the imposition of proper taxes. Your Office may dispatch Engr. Lister Sianen (Mining Engineer) and Mr. Kevin Kenneth Perez (Geologist) assigned in the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Roxas and Taytay, Palawan in this undertaking.

For further action.


ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESO V

Noted:


MA. LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO IV
Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

Enc'l: As stated

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FROM : The Provincial Environment
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SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE CONDUCTED
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Respectfully forwarded is the Memorandum of CENRO Coron , Palawan dated June 19, 2020 in connection with the above subject.

As an update on this subject and per information received, CENRO Coron has already surveyed the area with corresponding map and technical description. These documents have been forwarded to the MGB to compute the volume of soil extracted. This will then be the basis of PMRB in imposing penalties to the violators.

For information record.


ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS CESE

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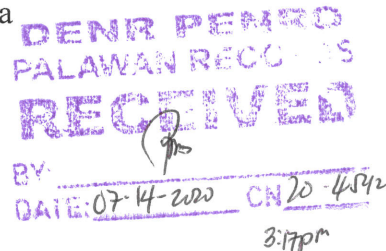
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POBLACION VI, CORON, PALAWAN**



Please be informed that on June 17, 2020, this Office facilitated a follow-up technical conference with concerned stakeholders regarding the continuing excavation at the proposed new town site of the municipal government of Coron in Barangay Poblacion 6, this municipality amid formal advice from this office to refrain from continuing their development in the area in the absence of tenurial instrument and other necessary permits and clearances. The activity was held at Sikangay Hall of this Office which was attended by the representatives of the Municipal Government of Coron headed by Hon. Mario T. Reyes, Jr.; Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD); Barangay Council of Poblacion VI; Provincial Mining and Regulatory Board (PMRB) - Coron; BCT Construction representing the contractor/s of the reclamation project in the bay area of Coron; and, EMB-MIMAROPA.

During the meeting, the contractor admitted that they are still doing the excavation in the area because it was part of the agreement of the contractor and the LGU to help them with the leveling of the hill for the municipal government's facilities and infrastructure projects in the area and that the waste material/aggregates will be used by the contractor as filling material for the reclamation project at the bay area of Coron. PMRB-Coron representative affirmed that the contractor has approved quarry permit but in the different location, but also in the same barangay.

After some discussions, the stakeholders present agreed to do the following in order to be compliant with the existing environmental laws:

1. PMRB to furnish the CENRO with the copy of the quarry permit/s of the contractor (of Coron Waterfront Development Project) who is involved in excavation of the hillside;
2. The contractor to source aggregates and filling materials in their reclamation project only from the area/s with approved quarry permit;
3. The contractor will stop from their excavation activity in the area but they have to stabilize the slopes and critical areas first before they do so;
4. The contractor was given one week to stabilize slopes before stopping their operation in the area; and,
5. The CENR Office will put a signage at the vicinity being excavated indicating that the activity will be put on hold until the LGU secures pertinent permits and clearances.

The Office also committed to fast-track the processing of their SLUP application soon as all the requirements are submitted. Meantime, the survey and ground validation team will continue to coordinate with the LGU to iron out the issues in their application especially that there are overlapping claims in some portions of the area being applied for.

Attached are the attendance, photos and minutes of the above activity.

For information, review and record.

For and in the absence of the CENRO:



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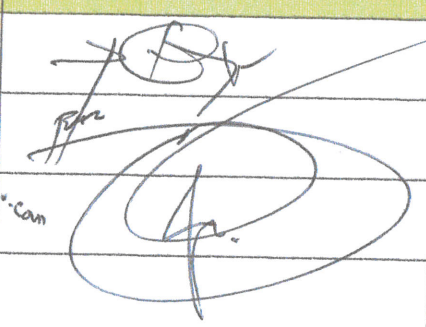
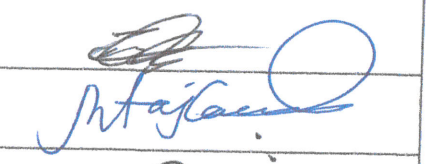
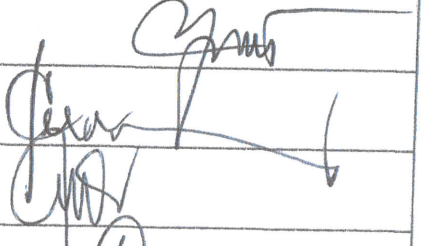
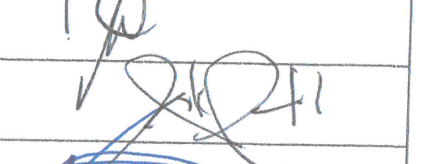
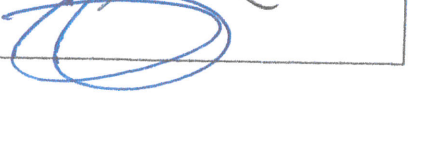
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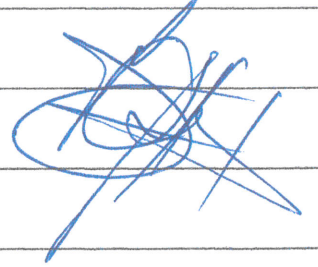


TECHNICAL CONFERENCE REGARDING EXCAVATION OF HILLSIDE IN SITIO DIPULAO, BARANGAY POBLACION 6, CORON, PALAWAN

June 17, 2020, 9:00 AM

Sikangay Hall, Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan

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4. Hon. Maria V. Cinco	Punong Barangay, Brgy. Pob. 6, Coron, Palawan		
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Technical conference with the stakeholders regarding the excavation activities in Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan held at Sikangay Hall, this Office on June 17, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE REGARDING THE RECLAMATION
AND EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES IN BARANGAY POBLACION VI, CORON,
PALAWAN**

June 17, 2020

Sikangay Hall, CENRO-Coron, Palawan

The meeting started with an opening prayer and was formally opened by EMS II Carolyn A. Esmenda who gave brief overview on the purpose of the meeting and reiterated previous discussion with regards to the reclamation and excavation activities happening at Sitio Dipulao, Barangay 6, Coron, Palawan. DMO IV Pedro A. Velasco explained that the meeting was called in order to stop all the on-going activities as it is drawing a lot of attention in the social media and for that reason, the office was instructed to fast-track the investigation.

Based on the report from the team who is doing the ground survey and validation in the area being applied for Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) by the LGU of Coron, the excavation activities in the hillside of the said barangay is still on-going despite the issuance of notice by the office to refrain from continuing the said activity until such time that appropriate tenurial instrument and other permits and clearances had been secured.

Mayor Reyes said that they had already stopped their activities at the old motorpool area in compliance to the advise from the CENR Office. However, he clarified that there are digging activities in the vicinities to bury the used face masks and other solid wastes from the Evacuation Center which serve as one of quarantine facilities in the town. Accordingly, some solid wastes from the facility cannot be collected by the garbage trucks and dispose off to the landfill because of fear that those must be contaminated by virus particularly with the prevailing pandemic. He said that this maybe the excavation activities that was observed by the constituents.

EMS II Esmenda clarified that the excavation activities being referred to is that in the proposed new town site which the Municipal Government of Coron is applying for SLUP. Accordingly, the report states that the aggregates generated from the said area are being used as filling material in the reclamation area in Barangay Poblacion 3 and 5, same municipality. She asked the representative from the contractor to clarify the issue and also asked if they have pertinent documents legitimizing the said activity in the area.

Engr. Gabriel Mingoa Jr., representative of contractor of the reclamation project, said that they have quarry permit in Sitio Dipulao, same barangay which is adjacent to the proposed new town site of the Municipal Government of Coron. However, they admit that they are sourcing their filling materials from the proposed new town site which is outside the area where they have quarry permit. He stated that there is an agreement between the LGU and Mr. Mercado, one of the contractors, that they will help the LGU in leveling the proposed new town site where the stadium, terminal and other government facilities will be put up and that the waste aggregates from the said project will be used as filling materials in the reclamation project.

Ms. Ma. Teresa Casareno of PMRB-Coron clarified that the approved quarry area of BCT Construction is in a different location which is not the area they are currently quarrying/excavating. She said that they will furnish the CENR Office with the quarry permit of the contractor/s of the reclamation project.

DMO IV Velasco said that given the situation, he requested the contractor to stop the on-going excavation/quarrying in the area being applied for SLUP by the MGU of Coron and source their aggregates and filling materials in the area where they have approved quarry permit. According to him, this is the only way to legalize the activity. He said that while the intention of the national government is to help the LGU with its development programs and projects, we are still bound to abide by the existing laws. He recommended that they can still carry on with their agreement with the LGU but only after the SLUP is approved.

The suggestion was supported by the PMRB representative.

Mayor Reyes also concurred with the recommendation but requested the representative BCT Construction that before they stop/abandon their operation in the area, they stabilize the slopes first so as not to cause landslides or any untoward incident considering it's already rainy season. PMRB representative that the contractor may be given one week to stabilize the slopes. Mr. Gabriel Migoa, representative of BCT construction said that one week may not be enough to stabilize the slope but they will try their best.

DMO Velasco said that the office will also place a signage to inform the public that excavation activities will be stopped until further notice citing relevant law/s to support same.

PMRB committed that they will provide the CENR Office with the copy of the approved quarry permit/s of BCT Construction.

Engr. Fababier mentioned that they already have barangay resolution and SB resolution endorsing their application for PCSD Clearance. Accordingly, they are just waiting for the CSW from the CENR Office for their SLUP application.

DMOIV Velasco requested Forest Technician I Patrick Panlilio to briefly discuss their findings on their ground validation surveys.

According to FTI I Patrick Panlilio, the existing excavation falls outside the area being applied for SLUP by the LGU. They also observed some fruit trees and perimeter fences with concrete posts which indicates that there are other claimants in the area. They also met a certain Mr. Gador who admitted that he had sold some portions of the area which falls within the applied SLUP area.

Mayor Reyes, learning the situation, said that if there are claimants within the area that they are applying for SLUP, he is willing to exclude that particular area from their application. He said that he does not have the heart to have human conflict with anyone at this trying times.

DMO Velasco hence requested representatives from the Municipal Assessor's office to join the team of FTI Panlilio to conduct tax mapping to determine the areas with existing claimant and improvements in order to separate same from the area being applied for SLUP by the LGU.

EMS II Esmenda recapitulated the agreements reached during this technical conference as follows:

1. PMRB to furnish the CENRO with the copy of the quarry permit/s of the contractor (of Coron Waterfront Development Project) who is involved in excavation of the hillside;
2. The contractor to source aggregates and filling materials from the area/s with approved quarry permit;
3. The LGU and contractor agreed to stop further development in the area (proposed new townsite at the hillside of Barangay Poblacion 6);
4. The contractor was given one week to stabilize slopes before stopping their operation in the area; and,
5. DENR will place signage at the vicinity of the area being excavated indicating that the activity will be put on hold until the LGU secures pertinent permits and clearances.

Mayor Reyes thanked the efforts of the national government to help the LGU to comply with the requirements.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:38 AM.

Prepared by:



CRISTINA SABANGAN
Forester I

Reviewed by:



CAROLYN A. ESMENDA
EMS II

Noted by:



PEDRO A. VELASCO
DMO IV



June 15, 2020

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region
1515 L & S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE CONDUCTED
REGARDING THE RECLAMATION AND EXCAVATION
ACTIVITIES IN BARANGAY POBLACION 6, CORON, PALAWAN**

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Please be informed that on May 28, 2020, this Office facilitated the technical conference regarding the above subject held at Sikangay Hall of this Office. OIC-CENRO Arnoldo A. Blaza, Jr. facilitated the activity which was attended by representatives from the Municipal Government of Coron headed by Hon. Mario T. Reyes, Jr., the municipal mayor, and other stakeholders including Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Barangay Council of Bgy. Poblacion 6 and EMB-MIMAROPA.

The said technical conference was conducted to clarify the findings of the ocular inspections conducted by CENRO Coron and EMB-MIMAROPA personnel on February 16, 2020 on the reclamation activities at the vicinity of the old motorpool of the LGU in Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion 6, this municipality as well as the report of OIC-EMS of PEMU-Coron dated May 21, 2020 (see **Annex A**) with regards to the excavation activities of the LGU for their proposed infrastructures in the same barangay.

Based in the documents provided by the LGU and during discussions in the meeting, the following were gleaned.

A. Reclamation at the vicinity of the old motorpool area in Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan

1. The area falls within the titled property (TCT No 065-2014000705) named after Twinleaf Group, Inc. covering an area of 95,713 square meters (**Annex B**).
2. Twinleaf Group, Inc. executed a Deed of Donation dated December 09, 2019 for an area covering a total of 7,566 square meters in favor of the Municipal Government of Coron with corresponding sketch map (**Annex C**).
3. Mr. Guillermo P. Fernandez had also executed a Deed of Donation dated November 18, 1995 in favor of the Municipal Government of Coron for a parcel of land in Sitio Dipulao, Bgy. 6, this municipality covering an area of 1.5 hectares covered by TCT No. T-9253 (**Annex D**).
4. The aforementioned properties are covered with tax declarations (TD No. 09-006-1894 and 18-19-006-1258 respectively) (**Annex E**).

5. The LGU initially plans to build the new public market in the said area but during the meeting, Mayor Reyes said that the LGU will no longer push through the said plan due to the potential health-related risks that may be posed from the newly built evacuation center thereat which is currently being used as quarantine facility.
6. PCSD had already issued a SEP clearance in the said area but only to the 1.2 hectares that fall within the *multiple-use zone* and not to the areas that fall within *core zone*.
7. The LGU is still in the process of securing ECC/CNC for the project/s thereat.

B. Excavation activity in Bucana area, same barangay

1. The land preparation/excavation in the area is on-going and the waste material/aggregates from the site are being used as filling material for the on-going reclamation in Barangay Poblacion 3 and 5, this municipality as part of the Coron Waterfront Development Project.
2. The LGU is still on the process of preparing the new master plan for their proposed government facilities in the proposed new town site in the area.
3. The LGU has to apply for a tenurial instrument in their proposed new town site because it falls within Unclassified Public Forest (UPF) but exclude the areas with issued titles.

After the meeting, the following were agreed by stakeholders present, to wit:

A. Reclamation at the vicinity of the old motorpool area in Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan

1. The LGU to halt introducing further developments in the area until they secure pertinent permits and clearances,
2. Delineate the multiple-use zone based on ECAN map with assistance from PCSD and CENRO-Coron,
3. LGU to fast track the processing of their permits and clearances for the projects in the said area,
4. LGU to secure Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) or Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC), whichever is applicable, and,
5. The LGU focal persons for these projects are Engr. Fababier (MPDC) and Engr. Parangue (Municipal Engineer) who will facilitate the coordinations with concerned agencies.

B. Excavation activity at the hillside area in Bucana, same barangay

1. The LGU to halt the on-going activity in the area until they secure tenurial instrument and pertinent permits and clearances for their proposed project/s thereat,
2. LGU to secure ECAN Zoning/SEP clearance from PCSD,
3. LGU to submit request for geological assessment from the MGB-MIMAROPA where CENRO Blaza committed to forward and follow-up same to the said DENR office,
4. CENRO-Coron to prepare the Complete Staff Work (CSW) which will serve as reference for the issuance of ECAN zoning certification and that the titled properties will be removed from the area that will be applied for SLUP.

It was also agreed that the composite team of LGU and CENRO- Coron personnel will conduct survey/inspection in the area being applied for SLUP at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the same day, May 28, 2020. LGU representatives will be Engr. Ike Parangue and Engr. Fababier.

Attached are the attendance (**Annex F**), photos (**Annex G**) and minutes of the said technical conference (**Annex H**).

For information, review and record

For and in the absence of the CENRO.


PEDRO A. VELASCO

DMO IV

In Charge, Office of the CENRO







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28 July 2020

MEMORANDUM

**FOR : THE PENRO AND
CONCURRENT PMRB CHAIRMAN**
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Province of Palawan

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
This Office

**SUBJECT : ESTIMATION OF EXTRACTED MATERIALS ON THE
ILLEGAL MOUNTAIN QUARRY OPERATION IN
CORON, PALAWAN**

Attached is a copy of the report prepared by the Geosciences Division of this Office on the estimated extracted materials on the illegal mountain quarry operation in Coron, Palawan.

Based on pre and post-contours of the subject area, as well as verification points obtained in the field by the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office-Coron, the estimated extraction volume is computed at **579,571 cubic meters** or equivalent to **1,622,800 tons** using the 2.8 specific gravity of the silicified sandstone materials.

For your information and further appropriate action.

ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESO V

Enc'l: As stated

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

The CENRO-Coron
Community Environment and Natural Resources Office
Brgy. 5, Coron, Palawan

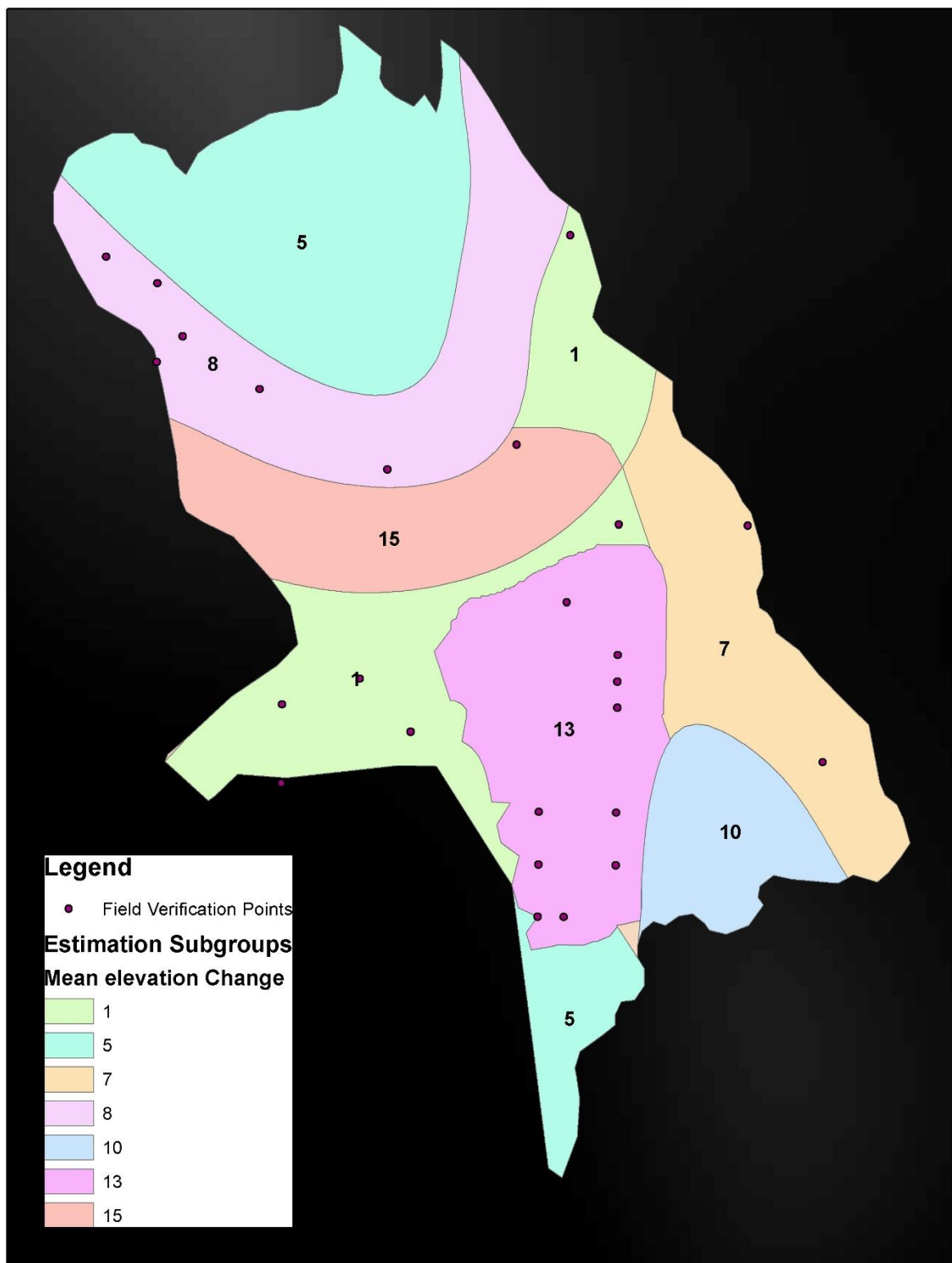
Estimation of Extracted material in Coron Palawan

An initial calculation of the extracted materials was based on pre- and post-contours of the subject area as well as verification points obtained in the field by CENRO Coron. Using the post-excavation satellite images, the perimeter of the excavation was deduced and the assignment of subgroups according to elevation changes was executed. Mean elevation change values of each subgroup was calculated and multiplied to its area. The result is the volume computation of changes in the terrain due to varied level of excavation. The estimated extraction volume is **579,571 cubic meters** or equivalent to **1,622,800 tons** using the **2.8 specific gravity of the silicified sandstone materials** while the area used for this operation is approximately **7.5 hectares**.

It must be noted that other subgroups did not coincide with verification points which may cause some deviation to actual values. Further investigation and more verification points could easily correct this.

Provided below is a table of the area and volume computations of the estimation subgroups.

Elevation Change (m)	Area (sq m)	Volume (cu m)
13	11676.89	151799.58
15	8011.83	120177.44
8	12010.4	96083.19
5	14896.62	74483.12
7	8959.15	62714.06
10	4869.09	48690.95
5	2731.06	13655.32
1	8768.62	8768.62
1	3199.34	3199.34





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23 September 2020

MR. TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO

President/ Project Developer
BCT Construction/ Coron Development Project
Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:

This refers to the Memorandum Report dated 19 June 2020 of Mr. Pedro A. Velasco, OIC CENRO-Coron, re: *"Report on the Technical Conference Conducted Regarding the Excavation Activities in Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan"* which was received by this Office on 15 September 2020.

Based on the above, it was reported that BCT Construction, Project Developer of Coron Development Project, has been extracting mountain quarry materials outside its permit area.

Please be informed that Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995*, provides that:

"Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of. xxx."

In this regard, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting mountain quarry activities in the area without the necessary mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case(s) before a competent court, if found necessary.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V
Regional Director

cc: **THE PENRO and CONCURRENT PMRB CHAIRPERSON**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

THE CENRO
Coron, Palawan

THE MAYOR
Coron, Palawan

THE PUNONG BARANGAY
Brgy. Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan

**"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT
IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

Annex D
Copies of the Actions Taken on the complaint of Ms.
Inya Gonzales



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12 November 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Director
Environmental Management Bureau
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

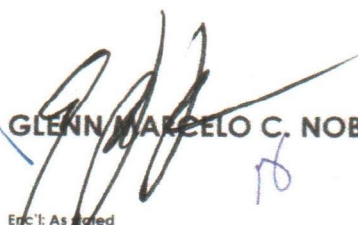
SUBJECT : Petition Letter Against the Continuous Quarrying
Operation in Coron, Palawan with Reference No.
ACK20211111-14

This refers to the attached electronic mail dated 07 November 2021 of Ms. Inya Gonzales regarding the above subject.

Based on the above, the petitioners demand to know if all the quarrying activities in Coron, Palawan were issued Environmental Compliance Certificates and to immediately stop the continuous quarrying operation in the municipality.

Please be informed that this Office has requested the PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson – Palawan to conduct investigation and render appropriate actions to address the said allegations thru a Memorandum of even date (copy attached).

For the Regional Director's information and further action, please.


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Enc'l: As noted

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Mr. memorandum
11/12/2021





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12 November 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The PENRO and
Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Province of Palawan

FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

SUBJECT : Petition Letter Against the Continuous Quarrying
Operation in Coron, Palawan with Reference No.
ACK20211111-14

This refers to the attached electronic mail dated 07 November 2021 of Ms. Inya Gonzales regarding the above subject.

The abovementioned letter was forwarded by the DENR Action Center to this Office through an electronic mail dated 12 November 2021 for our appropriate action.

In this regard, this Office is requesting for the conduct of investigation, render appropriate actions to address the allegations stated therein, and furnish us a copy of the report. Our embedded personnel assigned in the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Coron may be assigned in this undertaking.

For the PENRO's action, please.


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Enc'l:

As stated

cf:

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Memorandum
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
MIMAROPA Region
Coron, Palawan

November 24, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **THE PENRO AND CONCURRENT
ACTING PMRB CHAIRPERSON**
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan


FROM : **THE CENRO**
Coron, Palawan


SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE COMPLAINT FILED TO
DENR 8888 WITH A REFERENCE NO. DENR-PACC 2021-11-
19-001 REGARDING THE REQUEST TO STOP THE
CONTINUED QUARRYING ACTIVITIES IN CORON**

Respectfully forwarding the investigation report dated November 23, 2021 regarding the complaint filed to the DENR 8888 with a reference no. DENR-PACC 2021-11-19-001 re: the request to stop the continued quarrying activities within the Municipality of Coron, Palawan.

Attached is the report regarding the abovementioned subject.

For information, record, and further instruction/s.


ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.
CENRO





Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
MIMAROPA Region
Coron, Palawan

November 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE OIC, CENRO
Coron, Palawan

FROM : THE UNDERSIGNED

SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE COMPLAINT FILED TO
DENR 8888 WITH A REFERENCE NO. DENR-PACC 2021-11-
19-001 REGARDING THE REQUEST TO STOP THE
CONTINUED QUARRYING ACTIVITIES IN CORON

DOCUMENTS : 1. Photo Documentation
ATTACHED 2. Documents for the Quarry Activity
3. Location Map of the Quarry Site



Pursuant to the Travel Order No. 2021-11-03-248 the undersigned, together with the embedded personnel of Environmental Management Bureau – MIMAROPA led by Engr. Mark Angelo S. Rogel, Engineer II, staffs of CENRO Calamianes Island led by Elizalde M. Segundo, conducted an ocular inspection on November 3-4, 2021 regarding the abovementioned subject.

Background Information

The DENR CENRO Calamian received an electronic mail from the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer regarding the above noted subject dated November 22, 2021.

Please be informed that based on pre-investigation of this office, there are two (2) existing valid Quarry Permit within the Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan such as the following:

Project	Address	Quarry Permit No.	Remarks
Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco Mountain Quarry Project	Sitio. Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan	QP (PLW) No. 02-01	OPERATIONAL
Michelle Tiotangco Mountain Quarry Project	Sitio. Pali, Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan	QP (PLW) No. 01-01	NO OPERATION AS OF DATE

Other quarrying areas or activities which is not included on the above listed permit holders are considered illegal.

The ongoing 50 Hectares Reclamation Project of the Provincial Government of Palawan named as Coron Bay Development Project is currently getting its filling sources from Bella Tiotangco Mountain Quarry Project located at Sitio Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.

The Coron Bay Development Project is a 50 Hectares Reclamation of the Provincial Government of Palawan in partnership with the BCT Trading and Construction Inc. and 428 Hi-Tech Group Inc. within the shore area of Brgy. Poblacion 2, Poblacion 3 and Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan.

PCSD Clearance	SEP Clearance with a No. BDP-062510-018 issued to the "Provincial Government of Palawan for their Coron Bay Development Project Phase 2,3 and 4 approved by the PCSD Chairman Hon. Gov. Mario Joel Reyes
Environmental Compliance Certificate	Environmental Compliance Certificate No. ECC-R4B-0903-073-5020 issued for Provincial Government of Palawan for their Reclamation Project Phase 2, 3, 4&5 (48.0 hectares) - Coron Waterfront Development Project located at Brgy. Pob. 2,3,4 &5 approved by RD Enp Sixto Tolentino Jr.
PRA Notice to Proceed	PRA Governing Board has approved the issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) through PRA Board Resolution No. 5078 series of 2019
Area Clearance from DENR	Currently ongoing Application to DENR MIMAROPA

Purpose and Scope

The fieldwork aims to inspect the quarry area of Ms. Bella Tiotangco at So. Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan and the details of the ongoing reclamation project of the Provincial Government of Palawan. The undertaking includes ocular inspection of the quarry area and an interview with the Barangay officials of Brgy. Poblacion 6 and personnel in-charge in the area.

Findings and Observation

1. The quarry inspection site is located approximately 550 m from the Coron-Busuanga National Road. It is accessible by any land transport vehicle from the town proper of Coron via paved Coron-Busuanga National Road and to the inspection site. Travel time from the CENRO Office to the subject area is about 15 minutes.
2. On November 03, 2021, the team proceeded to the Barangay Hall of Barangay Poblacion 6 where the purpose of the fieldwork was discussed during the courtesy call. After the courtesy call, the team proceeded to the subject area with the assistance of a *Kagawad* and a *Tanod*.

3. Upon the arrival of the inspection team, a non-plated 10 wheeler white dump truck was about to transport the loaded earth materials to its dumping site. The undersigned asked for the Delivery Receipt (DR) for the transport of earth materials from the quarry site. The driver presented their self-monitoring trip ticket which was from the 428 Hi-Tech Group Incorporated. The undersigned asked to park the truck and asked if they can wait for the confirmation after contacting Ms. Teresa Casareno, OIC, PMRB Coron, for the transport of the earth materials.
4. During the interview via call with Ms. Casareno, the contractor during the time of inspection was Mr. Mercado. Provided, the BCT Trading & Construction Inc. (BCT), contractor of Ms. Bella Tiotangco, had an agreement with Mr. Mercado that they can excavate in the area for the purpose of dumping the filling materials to the reclamation site located at Coron Bay. It was also confirmed that the trucks from the permit area of Ms. Tiotangco have a DR which was paid to the Provincial Government of Palawan.
5. The undersigned advised Ms. Casareno to provide a copy of DR to the company/truck drivers from the permit area of Ms. Tiotangco for future inspections to be presented by the truck drivers. Further, the undersigned asked for a copy of the DR list to be provided to this office for reference. She will provide a copy of the list of DR to the office for reference.
6. Three (3) representatives of Mr. Mercado arrived to the site which was interviewed by the team and asked for documents prior to the excavation in the area. Upon arrival to their office, they presented a copy of the Quarry Permit No. (QP (PLW) No. 02-01) and Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) (ECC-R4B-0910-0033) of Ms. Bella Tiotangco.
7. It was confirmed from Ms. Casareno that there was no written approval from the Provincial Governor/City Mayor regarding the agreement in which the BCT gave permission to Mr. Mercado to excavate in her permit area.
8. On November 09, 2021, the team was conducting drone flight to know the extent and the total area currently excavated. One of the residents near the quarry area verbally complaint to the team about the dust coming from the quarry site which poses risk to health of nearby residents and the resulting muddy barangay road when sprinkled by water trucks.
9. The undersigned contacted PMRB – Palawan to ask for pertinent documents regarding the quarry activity by Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco. The documents acquired were the following:
 - QUARRY PERMIT (QP (PLW) No. 02-01)
 - AREA STATUS dated July 31, 2009
 - CERTIFICATION (SEP CLEARANCE NO. MQP 082609-005)
 - PCSD ZONING CERTIFICATION (Multiple-Use Zone)
 - CERTIFICATION (ECC No. R4B-0910-0033)
 - BRGY. CERTIFICATION
 - BRGY. RESOLUTION No. 30, 2014
 - DEVELOPMENT/UTILIZATION WORK PROGRAM
 - FIELD VERIFICATION from PG-ENRO

10. On November 15, 2021, the team proceeded to the Municipality of Coron to coordinate and gather information regarding the area. The team coordinated with the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) to inspect the area. The team then proceeded to the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO) of Coron to ask for the current zonal classification of the area which was confirmed to be for Commercial land use.
11. The team proceeded to quarry area of Ms. Bella Tiotangco with the PCSD staff. There was no operation during the time of inspection, but they resume operation on the next day. The quarry sources are directly delivered to the Reclamation Project.
12. Per consultation of the undersigned with the Mineral Lands Survey Section of MGB MIMAROPA, the submitted Survey Plan of Ms. B. C. Tiotangco contains inconsistency on the reference point and tie line, thus, having erroneous data on the computed coordinate. The location of the applied area was plotted based on the submitted geographic coordinates of the boundary corner marked one.
13. During the plotting of the quarry site to the ArcGIS software, it was found out that the actual quarry area has a total area of approximately 4.9 has and the portions that are outside the permitted area for quarry operation have a total area of 1.717 has.
14. In summary, the team had found out that the Bella Tiotangco Mountain Quarry failed to comply to the following terms and conditions of its Quarry Permit issued by the Provincial Mining and Regulatory Board (PMRB), but it will be subjected for PMRB Technical evaluation:
 - The Permit shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the Permit Holder and not, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any other person whether natural or juridical, and that the area covered by this Permit shall be used for the purpose of extracting and disposing the materials herein authorized.
 - The Permit can not be assigned, transferred or conveyed, in whole or in part, without prior approval of the Provincial Governor/City Mayor concerned.
 - The proponent should furnish quarterly the Regional Director of MGB MIMAROPA a copy of their quarterly production report in the prescribed form stating the quantity of materials extracted, removed, and/or disposed under the Permit and the amounts of fees paid.
 - The extraction and removal of quarry resources under this Permit shall be confined within the area specified herein, the boundaries of which according to the application have been well established according to survey rules and regulations.
15. The Bella Tiotangco Mountain Quarry Project had also violated its ECC Condition No. 2, No. 2.1, 2.2 and Condition No. 3.
16. Furthermore, the 50 Hectares Reclamation Project have the following legal document status:

PCSD Clearance	SEP Clearance with a No. BDP-062510-018 issued to the "Provincial Government of Palawan for their Coron Bay
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	Development Project Phase 2,3 and 4 approved by the PCSD Chairman Hon. Gov. Mario Joel Reyes
Environmental Compliance Certificate	Environmental Compliance Certificate No. ECC-R4B-0903-073-5020 issued for Provincial Government of Palawan for their Reclamation Project Phase 2, 3, 4&5 (48.0 hectares) - Coron Waterfront Development Project located at Brgy. Pob. 2,3,4 &5 approved by RD Enp Sixto Tolentino Jr.
PRA Notice to Proceed	PRA Governing Board has approved the issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) through PRA Board Resolution No. 5078 series of 2019
Area Clearance from DENR	Currently ongoing Application to DENR MIMAROPA

The said reclamation had an instruction from the DENR CENRO Calamian to cease and desist while waiting for the approval of the Area Clearance application from DENR last July 2020.

Comments and Recommendations

1. It is recommended to endorse this matter to MGB Regional Office due to inconsistency on the reference point and tie line, thus, having erroneous data on the computed coordinate, so therefore MGB can instruct the proponent to conduct relocation survey of the approved quarry area, because based on the documents acquired from the PMRB Palawan, it was found out from the Area Status dated July 31, 2009 that the geographic position of BLLM 1 Cad-33, Coron, Palawan was needed to be rechecked.
2. It is recommended that Ms. Bella Tiotangco should be reminded that extraction and disposition of quarry resources outside the permit area is illegal and may constitute to *Theft of Minerals* pursuant to *Sec. 103 of Republic Act 7942*, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995* if the proponent prove to exceed on their approved quarry area prior to the validation of MGB Regional Office with the help of PMRB.
3. It is recommended also to endorsed the matter to EMB MIMAROPA, because it was found out violating ECC Condition No. 2, 2.2, 2.2 and Condition No. 3, so that EMB Regional can issue necessary violations and sanctions.
4. Endorse this to the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board – Palawan for the proper evaluation of violation in the terms and conditions of the Quarry Permit as the office that issues the Quarry Permit.
5. Regards to other illegal quarry operations, it is recommended to PMRB to conduct validation so they can issue Cease and Desist Order for the said illegal quarry projects without corresponding necessary permits.
6. Reiterating also the cease and desist instruction from the CENRO that the Provincial Government together with its private partner to stop the operation of reclamation while Area Clearance is on process.

For information, record and further instruction/s.

Inspected by:



ELIZALDE SEGUNDO

Forest Technician-II



HARLAN ILOVINO

Forest Ranger



BONIFACIO ALBAG JR.

Forest Protection Officer



RHOLDAN ABAYAN

Forest Protection Officer



ENGR. MARK ANGELO ROGEL

EMB Embedded/ Engineer-II



EMMANUEL REY SUMANGIL

MGB Embedded/ Science Research Specialist I

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

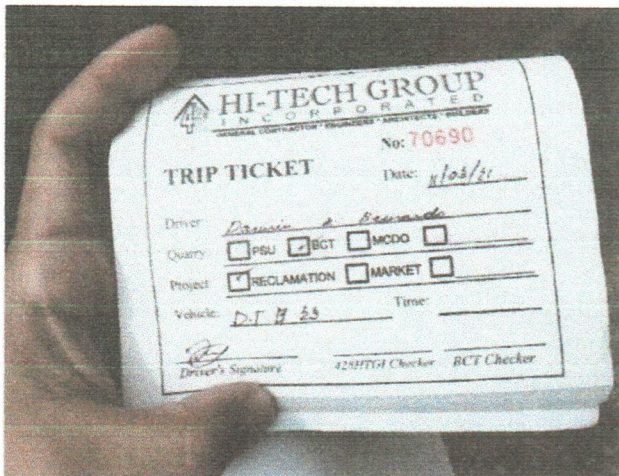


Photo No. 1 & 2. Photo at the top is the Self Monitoring Trip Ticket from the 428 Hi-Tech Group from the trucks of Mr. Mercado and the Photo on the right is the Delivery Receipt from the Provincial Government of Palawan for the trucks of Ms. Bella Tiotangco.

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Provincial Government of Palawan
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Puerto Princesa City

SAND AND GRAVEL DELIVERY RECEIPT

9-30-21
Date

Sold to: Reclamation Project
Destination: Reclamation Project
Truck Plate No.: _____
Kind of Materials Sold: Filling materials
Volume (Cubic Meter): 16
Value (In Pesos): 552601
Origin: Barangay 6 - Coron, Palawan
Name of Permittee: Bella Tiotangco
Commercial Foreshore/Industrial Permit No.: AP 02-01
Date Granted: 2-2-18
Treasurer's Official Receipt No.: 161749
Date: 9-23-21

Total Volume Allowed Under Permit (Cu.M.): 250
Total Volume Extracted to Date (Cu.M.): 16
Remaining Volume Allowed To Be Extracted To Date (Cu.M.): 1604

No. 552601

By: RAN CUTIE T. MERCADO
Permittee/Representatives

Not valid unless countersigned at the back by the Provincial Governor or his duly authorized representative.



Photo No. 3. Bulletin Board for the Quarry Permit and ECC of within the entrance



Photo No. 4. Trucks going to its dumping site



Photo No. 5. Backhoe and Hauling Truck in the Quarry Site.

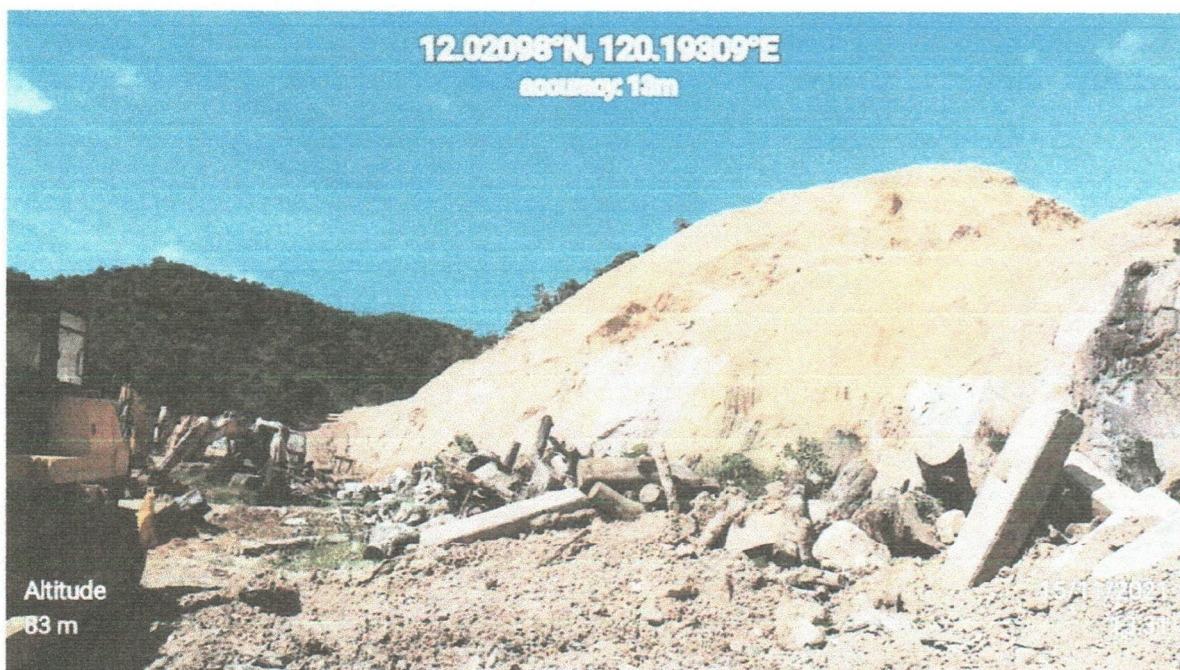


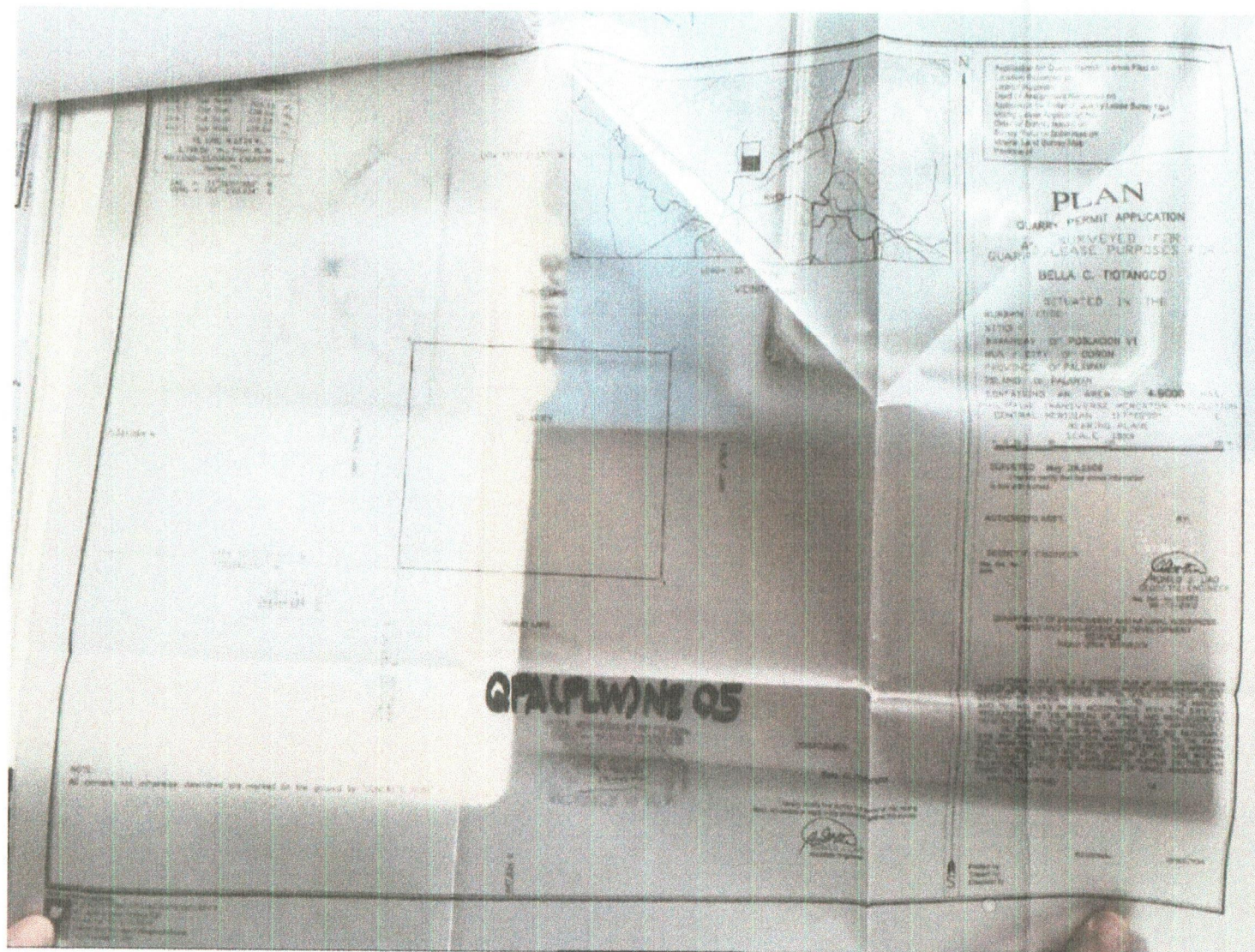
Photo No. 6 & 7. No operation during the inspection on November 15, 2021 of the Quarry Area



Photo No. 8. Drone shot (top portion) of the of Quarry Area of Ms. Bella Tiotangco

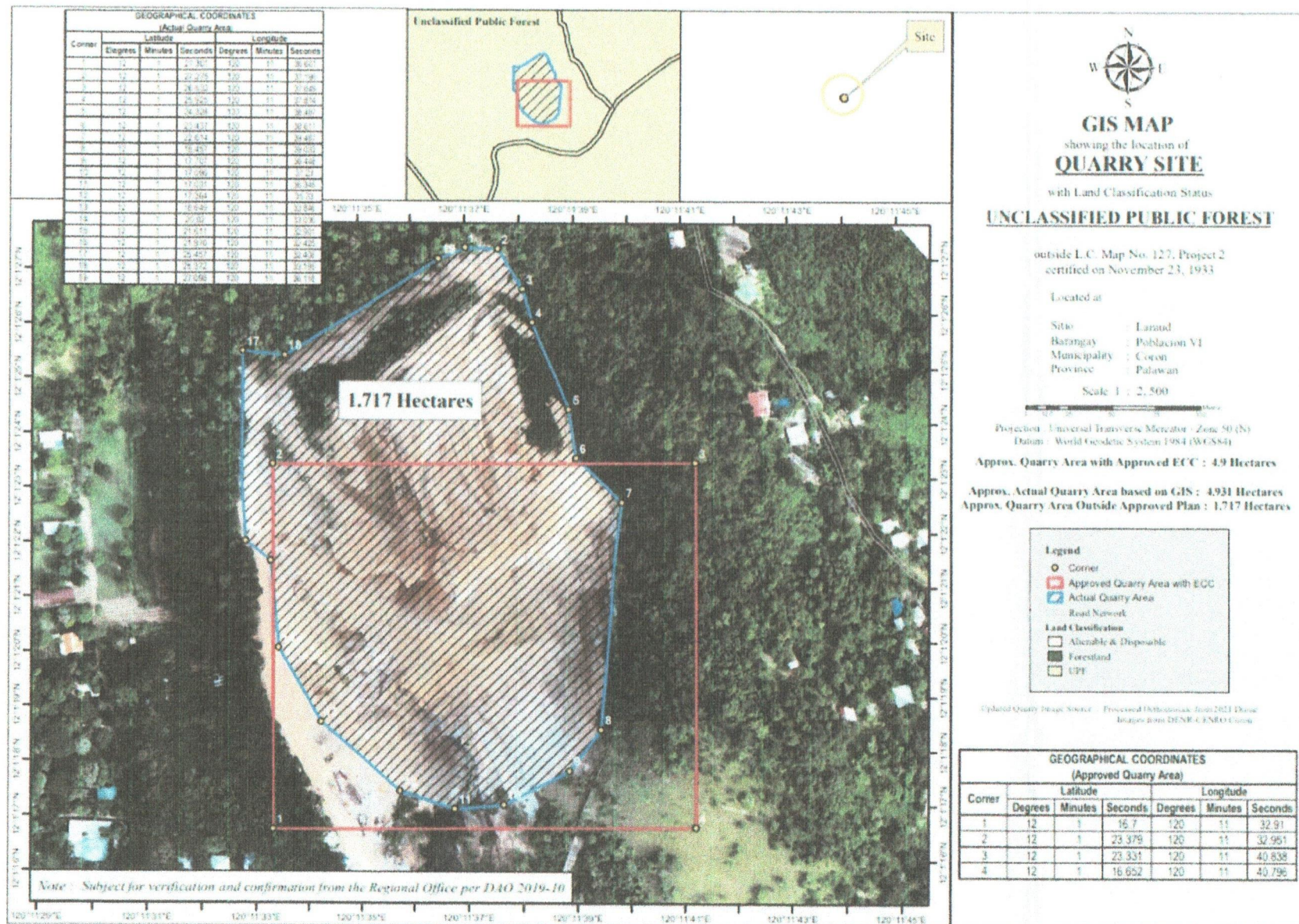


Photo No. 9. Another Drone shot from the Quarry Area of Ms. Bella Tiotangco



Survey Plan of the Mountain Quarry of Ms. Bella Tiotangco

DENR, Calle Nueva, Coron Town Proper, Coron, Palawan
 Contact Nos. 0917-504-2633



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12 November 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The PENRO and
Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Province of Palawan

FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

SUBJECT : Petition Letter Against the Continuous Quarrying
Operation in Coron, Palawan with Reference No.
ACK20211111-14

This refers to the attached electronic mail dated 07 November 2021 of Ms. Inya Gonzales regarding the above subject.

The abovementioned letter was forwarded by the DENR Action Center to this Office through an electronic mail dated 12 November 2021 for our appropriate action.

In this regard, this Office is requesting for the conduct of investigation, render appropriate actions to address the allegations stated therein, and furnish us a copy of the report. Our embedded personnel assigned in the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Coron may be assigned in this undertaking.

For the PENRO's action, please.


GLENN MARCELITO C. NOBLE

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The Regional Executive Director

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Mr. Inya Gonzales

Comptroller

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"MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT
IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MUST PUT AN IMMEDIATE STOP TO THE CONTINUED QUARRYING ACTIVITIES IN CORON

We represent concerned citizens and residents of Coron, Northern Palawan.

We are concerned that quarrying and reclamation activities have been undertaken in Coron without letup despite the absence of environmental assessments, other pertinent permits, and the absence of extensive consultations among Coron residents.

We demand to know if all these quarrying activities were issued Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECCs) by the DENR. If so, we demand that the DENR conduct an immediate review of these ECCs in light of the serious environmental damage that such quarrying and reclamation have caused and order the immediate stoppage of these activities.

Coron residents are not aware on the use of these quarry materials and whether the so-called infrastructure development projects are based on an updated comprehensive land use plan, annual development plan and annual investment plan. Our Constitution, the Local Government Code and various environmental laws provide for participatory processes in the pursuit of development projects. Sadly, we do not see the implementation of these policies and laws in Coron.

Hills and mountains have been demolished because of quarrying activities and the harmful impacts have already been experienced by Coron residents. Siltation has occurred in our mangrove and coral reef areas. Mangroves that support sustainable coastal and marine ecosystems were destroyed because of the reclamation activities. The pollutive dust generated by such quarrying and reclamation activities have endangered the health and safety of Coron residents. Extractive and infrastructure development activities have resulted to the flooding of the town.

Clearly, these so-called infrastructure development and related activities have threatened the only natural resources and environmental assets that Coron has, and which have provided livelihood opportunities to its community. We regret that Coron's political stewards have allowed these destructive projects to continue. Concerns on the possibility of bribery need to be investigated.

We assert that quarrying and reclamation activities have to stop and a comprehensive study must be done to determine the need and appropriateness for such quarrying and reclamation activities.

As a steward of our resources, we compel government agencies to uphold our rights to healthful and balanced ecology and implement whatever is necessary in order to stop the further destruction of our mountains and coastal areas.



Attached photo in the petition letter for the immediate stop of the Quarrying Activities in Coron, Palawan. This area within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve at Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan was already issued a Cease and Desist Order dated October 28, 2021 by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau – MIMAROPA.

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD (PMRB)
 Province of Palawan

QUARRY PERMIT

Quarry Permit No. QP (PLW) No. 02-01
 Quarry Permit Application No. QPA (PLW) No. 05-01
 Date Approved **FEB 0 2 2018**
 Permit Holder BELLA C. TIOTANGCO
 Address Bgy. San Pedro, Puerto Princesa City

An application for Quarry Permit to extract and dispose of quarry resources (5,000 cu. m.) situated in the Sitio of Barrio of Poblacion 6 Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan, Island of Palawan, Philippines, and more or less described and bounded as follows, to wit:

On the North Public Land
 On the East Public Land
 On the South Public Land
 On the West Public Land

containing an area of 4.9 hectares and more specifically described in Quarry Resources Survey Plan No. QPA (PLW) No. 05 and Technical Description thereof attached to and made as an integral part of this Permit, having been filed in the Province of Palawan, by Bella Tiotangco on June 18, 2009 pursuant to the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, this Quarry Permit No. QP (PLW) No. 02-01 is hereby granted to BELLA C. TIOTANGCO, subject to the terms and conditions herein stated, to wit:

1. This Permit is for a period of five (5) years from **FEB 0 2 2018** to **FEB 0 1 2023**, inclusive, renewable for like periods but in no case shall exceed a total of twenty-five (25) years; *Provided*, that the application for renewal shall be filed before the expiry date thereof, and that the Permit Holder has complied with the provisions of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, and the terms and conditions of this Permit.
2. The Permit shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the Permit Holder and not, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any other person whether natural or juridical, and that the area covered by this Permit shall be used for the purpose only of extracting and disposing the materials herein authorized.

3. The Permit can not be assigned, transferred or conveyed, in whole or in part, without prior approval of the Provincial Governor/City Mayor concerned.
4. The extraction or removal of materials shall not be allowed within the distance of one (1) kilometer from the boundaries of reservoirs established for public water supply, archeological and historical sites, or of any public or private works or structures, unless with prior clearance of the agency or owner concerned is obtained. No extraction, removal and/or disposition of materials shall likewise be allowed in offshore areas within five hundred (500) meters distance from the coast and two hundred (200) meters from the mean low tide level along the beach.
5. The Permit Holder shall, before the issuance of this Permit, execute a bond in the form and amount prescribed by the regulations, and with a surety or sureties satisfactory to the Provincial Governor/City Mayor to guarantee the performance of the Permit Holder's obligations and faithful compliance with the provisions of Republic Act 7942 and the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder. The bond in the applicable amount shall be maintained throughout the corresponding term of this Permit and until the Government shall order its cancellation.
6. The Permit Holder shall, within ten (10) days after the end of each quarter, submit to the Provincial Governor/City Mayor personally/representative or by registered mail quarterly production reports in the prescribed form stating the quantity of materials extracted, removed and/or disposed under the Permit and the amounts of fees paid therefor, copy of which shall be furnished the MGB Regional Director and Municipal Treasurers where the Permit area is situated and under operation. At the end of the term, the Permit Holder shall submit to the concerned Regional Office and Provincial/City Mining Regulatory Board a final report with the detailed list of activities and the corresponding expenditures.
7. The Provincial Governor/City Mayor or his/her duly authorized representative's may, at any time during the effectivity of this Permit, inspect the operations and the books of accounts and other relevant data of the Permit Holder in which shall be entered the quantity of materials removed or disposed of, the amount of fees paid, the selling price, and the names and addresses of the persons to whom the same were sold.
8. The extraction and removal of quarry resources under this Permit shall be confined within the area specified herein, the boundaries of which according to the application have been well established according to survey rules and regulations. This Permit shall exclude areas closed to mining location as provided in Sec. 19 of the Act.
9. The Permit Holder or his/her representative shall keep the Permit/Permit Area, available at all times for inspection and examination by the duly authorized representative's of the Provincial/City Mining Regulatory Board concerned or the MGB Regional Office.
10. The Permit Holder shall pay to the Government an excise tax pursuant to Sec. 151 of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended; such excise tax shall be due and payable upon the removal of the quarry resources extracted from the area embraced by his/her Permit, pursuant to the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

11. This Permit may be revoked or canceled at any time by the Provincial Governor/City Mayor concerned when in his/her opinion public interest so requires, or upon failure of the Permit Holder to comply with the provisions of the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as with the terms and conditions specified herein; *Provided*, that if the Permit is canceled, or otherwise terminated, the Permit Holder shall be liable for all unpaid fees and taxes due up to the time of the termination or cancellation of the Permit.
12. The Permit Holder shall assume full responsibility and be liable for damages to private and/or public property(ies) that may be occasioned by its operations under the Permit.
13. The Permit Holder shall manage its operations in a technically and environmentally responsible manner to achieve a safe, non-polluting and self-sustaining post disturbance landform.
14. The Permit Holder shall not discriminate on the basis of gender and that the Permit Holder shall respect the right of women workers to participate in policy and decision-making processes affecting their rights and benefits.
15. The Permit Holder shall conform to laws, rules and regulations regarding, among others, labor, safety and health standards;
16. The Permit Holder shall not interfere with the rights of other Permit Holders/operators/Contractors.
17. The Permit Holder shall recognize and respect the rights, customs and traditions of local communities, particularly Indigenous Cultural Communities.
18. The Permit Holder shall immediately stop digging and extracting materials the moment man-made articles or artifacts are found. It shall notify the Director of the National Museum of such findings, in which case, the digging shall be under the supervision of the National Museum until said artifacts are recovered.
19. The Permit Holder shall not, by virtue of the Permit, acquire any title over the permit area, without prejudice to its acquisition of the land/surface rights through any mode of acquisition provided by law;
20. The Permit Holder shall pay fees, taxes and other obligations in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.
21. The Permit Holder shall comply with its obligations under its ECC, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (EPEP) and Annual EPEP, including the allocation of the prescribed annual environmental expense pursuant to Section 171 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations;
22. The statements made in the application or those made later in support thereof, shall be considered as condition and essential parts of this Permit, and any misrepresentation therein stated shall be a cause for the cancellation of this Permit; and

23. The Permit Holder further binds itself to comply with the provisions of RA No. 7942 and the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, and such other terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Constitution, the Act and the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, as well as those which the concerned Provincial Governor/City Mayor may deem to be for the national interest and public welfare.

_____, Philippines _____ 20_____

For the Republic of the Philippines
(Grantor)


JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Provincial Governor

I hereby accept the terms and conditions of this Permit as above-stated.


BELLA C. HOTANGCO
Permit Holder

Signed in the presence of:

(Signature over printed name)

(Signature over printed name)



Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MINES AND GEO-SCIENCES BUREAU
Regional Office No. IVB - MIMAROPA
7th Floor DENR Bldg., 1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

AREA STATUS

31 July 2009

NAME OF APPLICANT
APPLICATION NO.
LOCATION
DATE FILED
DATE REC'D AT MGB IV

BELLA C. TIOTANGCO
QPA (PLW) - 05
Coron, Palawan
June 18, 2009
June 25, 2009

Result of projection in the MLSM:

- A. ☒ Free of conflict
B. ☐ In conflict with:
☒ Others

STATUS

1. Re-check geographic position of BLLM 1 Cad-33, Coron, Palawan
2. On the application form, it is bounded by private lots but on the survey plan it is public land.

X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X-X

Plotted by: **ROMULO S. BELTRAN**
Cartographer II

Status of Conflict
Checked by:

Verified Correct: **RUBENA MAGTIBA**
OIC, Survey Section

Status Certified
Correct

NOTED BY:

MARIO A. CATARROJA
OIC, Mine Management Division

Note: Subject to prior rights if there be any. Sand and gravel applications shall not require consent from FTAA, Exploratory Permit (EP) Mineral Agreement (MA) application except EP or MA application covering sand gravel and alluvial gold.

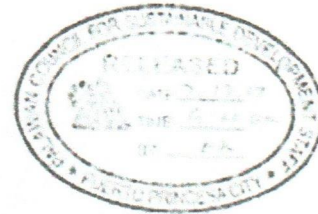


Republic of the Philippines
(Republic Act No. 7611)

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

CERTIFICATION

(R2)



This is to certify that Bella C. Tiotango was issued with SEP Clearance No. MQP 082609-005 for Mountain Quarry Permit Application located in Sitio Larnud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.

Pursuant to PCSD Resolution No. 13-475 this office further certifies that Bella C. Tiotango has complied with the terms and conditions stipulated in the aforementioned SEP Clearance No. MQP 082609-005.

The PCSDS Adjudication Board (PAB) Secretary certified that Bella C. Tiotango has a pending Administrative Case docketed as PAB Case No. 697 which case she was charged for violation of Section 20.1 and Section 20.m of **PCSD Admin Order No. 07** Series of 2012. The Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Chainsaw Act of 2002, the original copy of the said certification is available at the Central Records of this office.

Issued this ___ day of July 2017 upon request of Bella C. Tiotango in connection with her application for renewal of the above cited project.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Executive Director

Paid under OR # 2960256
Date paid July 13, 2017
Amount paid P 40.00



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Mission: PCSDS as the driver of environmental conservation and inclusive development in Palawan, a biosphere reserve and science-for-sustainability site, guided by the Strategic Environmental Plan

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PCSD PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
PCSD DISTRICT MANAGEMENT OFFICE-CALAMIANES

II. Initial ECAN Assessment / Zoning Certification for Mountain Quarry

- Project Proponent: **Mrs. Bella C. Tiotango**
- Project Location: **No. Lamud, Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan**
- Application/Filing Fee paid: Official Receipt No. **0042101** Date **June 19, 2017**
- Attachments: ☒ 1. 50,000 location map with corresponding technical description
☐ 1 Land title with technical description
☐ Other tenurial instrument (specify) **Tax Declaration of Real Property No. 06-0870-A**

v. Applied area falls within the following zones of ECAN

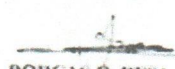
Zone Classification	Project Area (in hectares)		Remarks
	Allowable	Non-allowable	
<input type="checkbox"/> Core zone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted-use zone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Controlled-use zone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional-use zone			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple-use zone	4 9900		
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Core Zone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Multiple-use Transition zone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Multiple-use General-use zone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Within Special area (specify)			
Total	4 9900		The total remaining area available for quarry is 4 2493 has


Certified as to within allowable zones where the proposed Mountain Quarry with an applied area of 4,9900 hectares may be done subject to existing mining laws and regulations of the National Government, Provincial Government of Palawan and Local Government of the Municipality of Coron, Palawan.

III. Recommendation:

Not-exempted from securing SEP Clearance for the proposed Mountain Quarry covering the 4 2493 hectares total remaining area available for quarry. Category A as per PCSD Resolution No. 17-579

Note: Project application is subject to field validation/evaluation prior to issuance of SEP Clearance. Any expansion is subject to SEP Clearance.


DORCAS O. BESA
 PCSDS Technical Staff


LEONORA D. LABRADOR
 Immediate Supervisor/Approving Officer

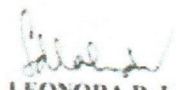
June 19, 2017
 Date

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that based on the ECAN Zoning and as recommended, *the proposed Mountain Quarry with an applied area of 4,9900 hectares falls within the Allowable Zone of the Approved ECAN Zones Map of the Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan under Category A as per PCSD Resolution No. 17-579. Certifies further that project may be done covering only the 4,2493 hectares total remaining area available for quarry subject to existing mining laws and regulations of the National Government, Provincial Government of Palawan and Local Government of the Municipality of Coron, Palawan and is not exempted from Securing SEP Clearance*

NELSON P. DEVANADERA
 Executive Director

By the Authority of the Executive Director by virtue of Special Order No. 39 Series of 2015.


LEONORA D. LABRADOR
 PDO IV/ District In-Charge

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CERTIFICATION

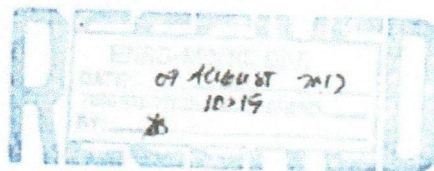
(ECC No. R4B-0910-0033)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that **MS. BELLA C. TIOTANGCO** is a holder of **ECC No. R4B-0910-0033** for Mountain Quarry Project with total land area of Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred (49,900.00) square meters located at Sitio Lamud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan issued by DENR-EMB MIMAROPA Region last October 14, 2009.

Further certified, that the same will be subjected to regular monitoring activity to determine its compliance with all ECC conditions in accordance with DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-30 under Presidential Decree No. 1586 once it becomes operational.

Issued this 7th day of August 2017 at Office of the PEMU, DENR-EMB, Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan upon the request of the Project Proponent representative, Mr. Alfred D. Batul for whatever legal purpose it may serve them best. The amount of P 200.00 was paid under Official Receipt Number 2393805 F dated August 7, 2017.




ALEXANDER M. CODEN
Provincial Environment Management Officer

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Coron
Barangay Poblacion 6

OFFICE OF THE PUNONG BARANGAY

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Mountain Quarry project of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco Holder of ECC No. R48-0910-0033, located at Sitio Lamud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan for Mountain Quarry Project has not violate any conditions provided for in the ECC.

Personally known to the undersigned the approval of Sangguniang Barangay Member of Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.

This certification is issued upon the request of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco for whatever legal purpose it may serve him best.

Issued this 6th day of October, 2014 at Barangay hall of Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.


MARIA V. CINCO
Punong Barangay

Paid under _____
OR No. _____
Amount: _____
Date: _____

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of Coron
BARANGAY POBLACION 6

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY OF THE BARANGAY POBLACION 6, CORON, PALAWAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 AT THE BARANGAY HALL, THIS BARANGAY

Present :	Hon. MARIA V. CINCO	Punong Barangay/Presiding Officer
	Hon. DOMICIANO A. PAJARILLO	Sangguniang Barangay/kagawad
	Hon. EDUARDO A. PEREZ	Sangguniang Barangay/kagawad
	Hon. RANIEL GACAYAN	Sangguniang Barangay/kagawad
	Hon. IRENE M. SECILANO	Sangguniang Barangay/kagawad
	Hon. CORNELIA B. MAYO	Sangguniang Barangay/kagawad
	Hon. DOMINADOR C. BULAWAN	Sangguniang Barangay/kagawad
	Hon. JOSE R. MAYO	Sangguniang Barangay/kagawad
Absent :		

Resolution No. 30, 2014

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND ENDORSING THE APPLICATION OF MRS. BELLA C. TIOTANGCO FOR RENEWAL OF MOUNTAIN QUARRY PERMIT AND AUTHORIZING BCT TRADING & CONST. TO EXTRACT/EXCAVATE HAUL/TRANSPORT FILLING MATERIALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CORON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THIS MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, this project is in need of mountain quarry to ensure stability on reclamation of foreshore areas of Coron, and in our Barangay they cited an area where volume of this kind of materials deposits;

WHEREAS, we have consulted the Barangay council and they interpose no objection on the renewal Of mountain quarry permit of Mrs. Bella C. Tiotangco, located at So. Lamud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan with an area of more or less five (5) hectares provided that all existing mining laws, rules and regulation set forth by concern agencies must be properly abided;

WHEREAS, we wish to share our support for the completion of this project in soonest time interpose no objection to haul mountain quarry from our Barangay to their project site;

WHEREAS, said applicant agrees to conceived and follow proper procedure, all existing policies, laws, rules and regulations related to quarrying and other environment laws, and they are willing to pay all the corresponding fees/taxes due to local and national government;


NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Rp. RANIEL E. GACAYAN Sangguniang Barangay and
unanimously seconded by all members present, be it:

RESOLVED AT IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT A RESOLUTION be passed and approving by endorsing the
renewal for quarrying of mountain quarry by MRS. BELLA C. TIOTANGCO.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the copies of this resolution be furnish to the Barangay Council of Barangay
Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan, office of the Municipal and provincial ENRO, the PCSO and the DENR for
their information and guidance.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: _____

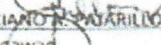
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the
Above-quoted RESOLUTION

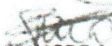

Hon. MARIA V. CINCO
Punong Barangay/Presiding Officer

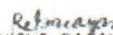
ATTESTED:



NANCY M. JOYOHoy
Barangay Secretary


CONFORMED:


Hon. DOMICIANO R. PADARILLO
Barangay Kagawad


Hon. EDUARDO A. PEREZ
Barangay Kagawad


Hon. RANIELE E. GACAYAN
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Barangay Kagawad


Hon. DOMINADOR C. BULAWAN
Barangay Kagawad


Hon. OB R. MAYO
Barangay Kagawad

APPROVED: _____


Hon. MARIA V. CINCO
Punong Barangay

City/Provincial Government of Puerto Princesa/Palawan
CITY/PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD
 Puerto Princesa City

DEVELOPMENT/UTILIZATION WORK PROGRAM

1.0 Corporate Information

- 1.1 Project Name **Quarry Project**
- 1.2 Company Name, Address, Telephone, Fax No. **National Highway, Bgy. San Pedro
Puerto Princesa City**
- 1.3 Contact Person/Designation **Bella C. Tiotangco
Proponent**

2.0 Corporate Information

2.1 Project Details

Location The applied area for the renewal of quarry permit is located at Sitio Lamud, Bgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan. Identified as parcel of land (Lot 9 of the subdivision plan Psd-04 being a portion of plan F-045309-467-D). Corner 1 of this area lie within geographical coordinates 12° 01' 21.57" N latitude and 120° 11' 27.79" E longitude.

2.1.2 Estimated Capital Cost

Working Capital (2 months operation)

COST BREAKDOWN

Labor	Php 45,000.00
Equipment Rental	64,000.00
Fuel and Lube	56,000.00
Overhead	15,000.00
General & Admin. Expenses	10,000.00
Acquisition of Permit and Taxes	120,000.00
TOTAL	Php 310,000.00

2.1.3 Commodity

Backfilling Materials

2.1.4 Present Status of the Project

Renewal of Permit

2.1.5 Description of the Mining Method

The renewal application of this quarry permit is intended to pursue the previous operation. The operation involve will be a follow up of what has been done in the past, such as quarrying of the predominantly metamorphic crystalline rock formation within the applied area of 49,000 sq. meters with an estimated material reserved of 150,000 cu. Meters.

The operation involved is mainly centered on the benching operation in order to reach the top portion of the hilly area where stripping of the top soil can successfully be achieved to expose the needed quarry product thereafter. The exposed rock formation will now be ripped and the ripped materials will now be bulldozed and pushed down the hill to the designated stockpile area at the bottom floor of the hill. As soon as sufficient broken rock materials from the beaches had been pushed down to the stockpile area, hauling of this quarried rock materials immediately follows using the pay loaders & backhoe in loading the dump truck of said materials and deliver these to the user or to a nearby stockyard.

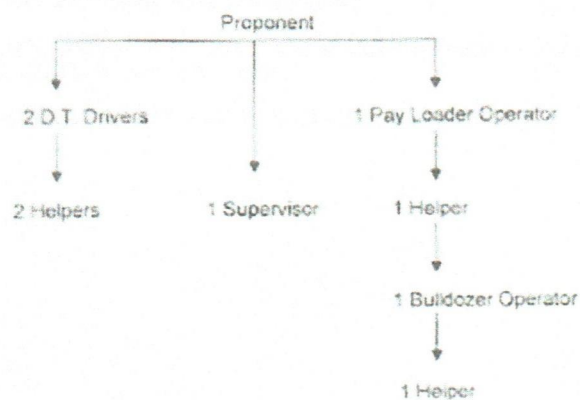
2.1.6	Estimated Daily/Annual Production	50,000 cu.m annually
2.1.7	Description of Process Plant/Mill	N/A
2.2	Mineral Reserves	
2.2.1	Estimated Reserves	100,000 cu.m
2.2.2	Average Grade of ore for each Mineral Commodity	N/A
2.2.3	Cut-off Grade	N/A
2.2.4	Estimated Mine Life (Years)	2 years
2.2.5	Potential for Additional Reserves	To look for potential area nearby of similar rock formation
2.3	Access/Transportation	
2.3.1	Road	National and Provincial Road
2.3.2	Air Access	N/A
2.3.3	Shipping	N/A
2.4	Utilities	
2.4.1	Power Supply Requirements & Alternatives	N/A

2.5 Mining and Milling Equipments

2.5.1	List of Mobile and Fixed Equipment for Development and Construction	N/A
2.5.2	List of Mobile and Fixed Equipment for Mining	Pay Loader, Backhoe, Dump Truck and Bulldozer
2.5.3	List of Mobile and Fixed Equipment for Mineral Processing	N/A
2.5.4	Mining Tools	Hand Shovel

2.6 Workforce Information

2.6.1	Total Operational Workforce	9 laborers
2.6.2	Staff Organizational Setup	—



2.6.2	Housing Options	N/A
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2.7 Development Program

2.7.1	State Development	N/A
2.7.2	Description of Planned Activities	N/A
2.7.3	Targeted sites/areas, accompanied by a 1:50,000 location map showing areas of	

facilities, process plant location and other facilities

Optional

2.7.4 Gantt Chart

N/A

2.8 Production Schedule and Estimated Cost per Annum:

This quarry project will only continue their operation when the renewal permit is granted. The rate of production will depend on market demand or sized of the project it might be supporting

The initial applied volume is 50,000 cu.m.

Production Cost

Php 25.00/cu.m

Annual Production Cost for 50,000 cu.m. is :

Php 1,250,000.00

2.9 Community Development Program and Estimated Total Costs

The proponent is willing to contribute an amount of Php 25,000.00 for community development projects.

3.0 Environment Protection and Management Cost Estimate:

Restoration and or rehabilitation in case of any damaged that might be incurred in the adjoining areas during the course of the operation.

The proponent is setting aside an amount of Php 40,000.00 in preparation for the above mentioned purpose.

4.0 Prepared by:


MIGUEL D. RABANO
Mining Engineer

PRC License No.

0001052

PTR No.

0663135

Issued on

January 03, 2014

Issued at

Puerto Princesa City

Republic of the Philippines
Provincial Government of Palawan
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Puerto Princesa City

September 14, 2016
(Date)

MEMORANDUM

FOR : HON. JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Governor

THRU : ATTY. TEODORO JOSE S. MATTA
Provincial Legal Officer/Governor's Representative PMRB

FROM : MERVIN D. NAGALES / JOSE G. VIADO
CDA I EMS II

SUBJECT : FIELD VERIFICATION REPORT FOR MOUNTAIN QUARRY PERMIT APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant - - - - - Bella C. Tiotangco
Mailing Address - - - - - National Highway Bgy. San Pedro Puerto Princesa City
Application Number - - - - - QPA (PLW) No. 05
Volume Applied - - - - - 49,000 cu. m.
Verification Fee - - - - - P 15,000.00 paid under OR # 8399804 dtd. October 2014
Date of Verification - - - - - September 12, 2006
Field Party - - - - - Mervin D. Nagales
Jose G. Viado
Dondon Edonga --- applicant's representative

FINDINGS :

A. Location :

Sitio - - - - - Lamud
Barangay - - - - - Poblacion 6
Municipality - - - - - Coron
Province - - - - - Palawan

B. Accessibility :

The applied area is accessible from Poblacion 6, Coron to Sitio Lamud, bgy. 6 about 1.5 kilometers and can be reach by any four wheel vehicle.

C. Classification :

Portion of lot no. 9 of the subdivision plan Psd-04

D. Total Area :

4.999 has.

E. Field Reference :

Blue Print Copy of QPA (PLW) No. 05
Global Positioning System (GPS)

F. Description of project :

1. Materials ----- 35 % soil/silt
65 % gravel/boulder
2. Use ----- used for filling, surfacing materials, and
for other construction purposes.

3. Estimated Volume/Reserve :

Length ----- 205.33 meters
Width ----- 238.64 meters
Thickness ----- 2.00 meters

Volume = 97,999.90 cubic meters.

Less 5,000 cum. m. as per permit quarry permit
QP (PLW) No. 2 issued on November 3, 2009 therefor
the estimated volume reserved is **92,999.90 c. m.**

G. Description of Corners/References Delineating the Applied Area :


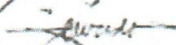
Terminal corners are prominent trees used as reference markers in delineating the boundaries of the applied area.

H. Description of Immediate Vicinity :

The immediate surrounding of the applied area is rolling topography planted with fruit bearing trees, cashew trees and forest trees. No public/private structures will be affected by the operation.

I. Recommendation :

The application for Quarry Permit of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco maybe given due course subject to compliance with mining laws SEP Law and environmental laws. Further, delineation of the area applied on the ground shall be done by a licensed Geodetic Engineer.


MERVIN D. NAGES

JOSE G. VIADO

Noted by:


ENGR. ANDRONICO J. BAGUYO
Mining Operations Officer IV



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01 December 2021

Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco

Sitio Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6
Coron, Palawan

Dear Ms. B. C. Tiotangco:

Please be informed that on 24 November 2021, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT), purported operator of your Mountain Quarry Project, has been conducting quarrying operation outside Quarry Permit No. QP (PLW) No. 02-01.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of quarry materials outside the permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, 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, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting quarry activities outside your permit area. 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. 7942.

Furthermore, please conduct relocation survey on the approved quarry area since based on our records there are inconsistencies on the reference point and tie lines on the submitted Survey Plan that results to an erroneous data on the computed coordinates.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

GLEN MARCELLO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: The DENR Action Center/Holline
akaynorkalikawan@denr.gov.ph
Ticket Reference No. ACK20211111-14

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

Mr. Inya Gonzales
Complainant
inyagonzales@yahoo.com

The President
BCT Trading and Construction
Coron, Palawan

The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The CENRO – Coron
Community Environment and Natural Resource Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Calle Nueva, Coron Town Proper, Palawan

The Mayor - Coron
Office of the Mayor
Coron, Palawan

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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



Annex E
Notice to the Public Signages

Republic of the Philippines
C. TIOTANGCO has been issued an Environmental Compliance
Certificate (ECC-R4B-0810-0033) by the Environmental Management
Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Region IV-B on OCTOBER 14, 2009.

Republic of the Philippines
BATUL has been issued an Environmental Compliance Certificate
(ECC-R4B-0811-1057) by the Environmental Management Bureau
of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region IV-B
on NOVEMBER 23, 2009.

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD (PMRB)
Province of Palawan

QUARRY PERMIT

QUARRY PERMIT NO. : QP (PLW) NO. 02-01
QUARRY PERMIT APPLICATION NO. : QPA (PLW) NO. 05-01
DATE APPROVED : FEB 02, 2018
PERMIT HOLDER : BELLA C. TIOTANGCO
LOCATION : SITIO LAMUD BARANGAY POBLACION 6
CORON PALAWAN
EXPIRATION DATE: FEB 01, 2023

Annex F
ECC of Mr. Alfredo D. Batul



Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Environmental Management Bureau
Regional Office No. IV – B MIMAROPA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(Issued under Presidential decree 1586)

ECC-R4B-0911-0057

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT PROPONENT **ALFREDO D. BATUL** is granted this Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), for the **MOUNTAIN QUARRY PROJECT**, located at **Sitio Lamud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan** by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Environmental Management Bureau, Region IV- MIMAROPA.

SUBJECT ONLY to the conditions and restrictions set-out in this ECC and in the attached document labeled as Annex A & B

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This ECC covers the **Mountain Quarry Project** having a total land area of 4.99 hectares, and extraction rate shall not exceed 40,000 cubic meters per annum, located at **Sitio Lamud, Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan**, specifically describe as follows:

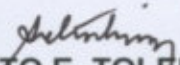
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Line	Bearing	Distance
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2-3	Due East	238.64 M
3-4	Due South	205.33 M
4-1	Due West	238.64 M

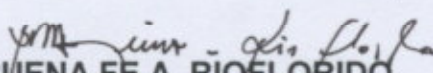
This ECC is issued in compliance to the requirements of Presidential Decree No. 1586, in accordance to Department Administrative Order No. 2003-30. The Bureau, however, is not precluded from reevaluating, adding, removing, and correcting any deficiencies or errors that may be found to be inconsistent with the Revised Procedural Manual of DAO 2003-30 after issuance of this ECC.

Issued at Manila, Philippines this NOV 23 2009.

Approved by:


EnP SIXTO E. TOLENTINO, JR.
Regional Director

Recommending Approval:


BUENA FE A. RIOFLORIDO
Chief, EIA Division

SWORN STATEMENT OF OWNER

I, **Mr. Alfredo D. Batul**, proponent of this **MOUNTAIN QUARRY PROJECT** located at **Sitio Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan** takes full responsibility in complying with all conditions contained in this Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

ALFREDO D. BATUL

Proponent

TIN – _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2009, the above-named affiant taking oath presenting Residence Certificate No. _____ issued on _____ 2009 at _____.

Signature of Administering Officer

ECC-R4B-0911-0057
Mountain Quarry Project .

CC: The RED DENR Region IV-B
 The PENRO – Palawan
 The CENRO – Coron
 The Hon. Mayor, Coron, Palawan

I. CONDITIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & MONITORING PLAN (EMMoP)

1. The proponent shall ensure that all commitments, appropriate mitigating/enhancement measures and monitoring requirements especially those contained in the EMMoP in the IEE CHECKLIST REPORT, its modification shall be instituted and strictly implemented throughout the project implementation;
2. An Environmental Officer (EO)/ Pollution Control Officer (PCO) must be appointed to handle environmental impact management related aspects of the project as specified in the Impact Management Plan (IMP) and the Environmental Monitoring Fund (EMP). The EO/PCO shall
 - 2.1 Monitor actual project impacts vis-à-vis the predicted impacts and management measures in the IEE.
 - 2.2 Submit semi-annually an ECC Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR) to the EMB-R4B, wherein each second or year end report shows the summary of cumulative performance of Proponent against previous years' requirements and commitments.
3. The proponent shall submit an Abandonment Plan to the EMB-MIMAROPA at least one year prior to the projects' abandonment. The plan shall include rehabilitation measures/clean-up, remediation of areas affected by the project and proposed alternative projects in the area;

GENERAL CONDITIONS

4. The project operation shall conform to the applicable provisions of PD 1586(Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System, DAO 2003-30) R.A. 6969 (Toxic Substances, Hazardous Waste Control Act of 1990), R.A. 8749 (Philippine Clear Air Act of 1999), R. A. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000), and R. A. 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004).
5. A billboard containing this message: **"Notice to the Public, This project " Mountain Quarry Project" of Alfredo D. Batul has been issued an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC-4B-0911-0057) by the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region IV-B, on NOV 23 2009** This message must be installed at all entry and exit points and at all perimeters of the project facing the road to inform the general public within thirty (30) days from receipt of the certificate. A copy of the certificate shall also be posted by the proponent at the barangay bulletin board of the affected barangays within thirty (30) days from receipt of the certificate.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT PLANNING TOOL

For the assistance of the proponents other government agencies concerned and LGUs in the management of the project and for better coordination in mitigation on the impact of the project on its surrounding areas and to the environment.

By way of recommendation, the following have been taken notice of by the EMB MIMAROPA Region and are forwarding these recommendations to parties and authorities concerned for proper action and integration into their decision- making process.

A. Recommendations to Concerned Government Agencies/ LGUs	Concerned Permitting, Deciding, Monitoring Entities
1. The proponent (Alfredo D. Batul) shall ensure that socio-economic concerns of various stakeholders are adequately addressed.	Coron, Palawan LGU
2. The Proponent (Alfredo D. Batul) should implement segregation, collection, recycling and disposal mechanism for solid waste in accordance with R. A. 9003.	Coron, Palawan LGU
3. The Proponent (Alfredo D. Batul) should coordinate traffic management in the area affected by the project in anticipation in the growth of traffic arising from the project.	Coron, Palawan LGU
4. That occupational health and safety standards/regulation must be complied with by (Alfredo D. Batul) for all activities.	DOLE
5. That adequate storm drainage canal, concrete culverts and other flood control measures need to be provided to adequately receive and channel the run-off of silt laden rainwater to the nearby receiving body of water.	Coron, Palawan LGU
6. The Proponent, (Alfredo D. Batul) shall secure all the necessary permits from other pertinent government agencies before project implementation.	Proponent, LGU and PMRB, Palawan
B. Environmental Planning Recommendations for the Proponent	
1. The Proponent, (Alfredo D. Batul) shall undertake close monitoring in all stages of the Project implementation to maintain a high level of environmental safety and performance efficiency and immediate address any environmental hazards.	

For dissemination and proper action of the parties concerned.

II. RESTRICTIONS

6. Non-compliance with any of the provisions of this ECC shall be a sufficient cause for the cancellation or suspension and/or imposition of a fine in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Pesos (50,000.00) for every violation thereof; and
7. In case of transfer of ownership/management turn-over of this project, this same conditions and restrictions shall apply unless otherwise revised in writing. In such case, **Alfredo D. Batul** shall be required to notify the EMB within fifteen (15) days.

O.R. No. : 0580273
Processing fee : Php 4,000.00

Date : 22 October 2009

Annex G

Area Status evaluation issued on 04 December 2009
on the Quarry Permit Application No. QPA-(PLW)-06
of Mr. Alfredo D. Batul.



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MINES AND GEO-SCIENCES BUREAU
Regional Office No.IVB MIMAROPA
7/FDENR By the Bay Bldg. 1515 Roxas Blvd. Ermita, Manila



*Adp - Gov.
Palawan
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1st Indorsement
04 December 2009

Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable Provincial
Governor of PALAWAN thru the ENRO, for his appropriate
action, the Area Status of QPA (PLW) 06 of Mr. Alfredo D.
Batul filed with that office.

ROLAND A. DE JESUS
OIC, Regional Director

ESP

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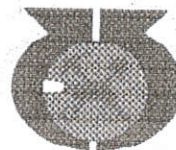
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Regional Office No. IV
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AREA STATUS
MIMAROPA

Date : 04 December 2009

NAME OF APPLICANT :
APPLICATION NO. :
DATE FILED :
DATE REC'D AT MGB IV :

ALFREDO D. BATUL

QPA (PLW) 06

Coron, Palawan

June 18, 2009

June 25, 2009

Result of projection in the MLSM :

☐ Free of conflict
☒ In conflict with:

STATUS

1. EPA-IVB-276 . ORIENTAL SYNERGY NICKEL CORP. - Filed 2-11-08 for Area Clearance, under process
2. Re-check Geographic position of BLLM 1 cad 33
3. On the application for it is bounded by private lots but on Survey Plan it is public land
4. Submit Proof of Lot ownership
5. Use 121 as Central Meridian

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Prepared by: ROMULO S. BELTRAN
Cartographer II

Status of conflict
Checked by:

E. Pascual
ELENITA G. PASCUAL

Checked by: RUBEN A. MAGTIBAY
OIC, Survey Section

Status Certified Correct: ARMANDO U. VILLAFLOR
Mining Claims Examiner III

NOTED BY:

M. Catarroja
MARIO A. CATARROJA
OIC, Mine Management Division

Subject to prior rights if there be any. Sand and gravel applications shall not require consent from FTAA, Mineral Agreement (MA) application except EP or MA application covering sand and gravel.

Annex H
Existing permits issued in the province of Palawan as
of September 25, 2020).

**EXISTING COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SAND AND GRAVEL PERMIT
IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN
as of SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

as of SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

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		Barangay	Municipality				Orig. vol. (cu.m.)	Addtl. (cu.m.)	Date Approved	
Municipality of Aborlan										
SOUTHERN PALAWAN										
1	Dexter Ivan Lee	ISAGP (PLW) No. 07	Apurawan	Aborlan	April 24, 2018	April 23, 2023	49,088	10,000	10,000	Oct. 5, 2018
2	Sylvia Puno	CP (PLW) No. 295-1	Magbabadil	Aborlan	Nov. 25, 2019	Nov. 24, 2020	17,729cu.m	1,000	29,088	Jul. 11, 2019
3	Maria Santiago	CP (PLW) No. 274-3	Cabigaan	Aborlan	Jan. 27, 2020	Jan. 26, 2021	40,000cu.m.	1,000		
4	Herbert Dawzon	CP (PLW) No. 209-8	Magbabadil	Aborlan	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	42,223cu. M.	1,000		
5	Violeta Lumis	CP(PLW) No. 151-6	Sagpangan	Aborlan	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	20,000MT	1,000		
6	Karlo Dennys Abordo	CP(PLW) No. 320-1	Cabigaan	Aborlan	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	32,900cu.m.	1,000		
7	Diego Sarol Jr.	CP(PLW) No. 318-2	Apurawan	Aborlan	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	39,414cu.m.	2,000		
8	Samantha Velasco	CP(PLW) No.193-3	Iraan	Aborlan	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	2,500cu.m.	2,500		
9	Joy Dampas	CP(PLW) No. 352	Magbabadil	Aborlan	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	39,764cu.m.	1,000		
10	Maximino Dela Cruz	CP(PLW) No. 358	Culandanum	Aborlan	July 23, 2020	July 22, 2021	20,000cu.m	1,000		
Municipality of Narra										
12	Elisa Conde	CP (PLW) No. 341	P. Urduja	Narra	Sept. 30, 2019	Sept. 29, 2020	20,000 MT	1,000	15,000	Oct. 25, 2019
14	Myrna Rodriguez	CP (PLW) No. 277-3	Malatgao	Narra	Oct. 21, 2019	Oct. 20, 2020	20,000 cu.m	1,000	19,000	Jan. 16, 2020
15	Maricel Bangayan	CP (PLW) No. 303-2	Malatgao	Narra	Dec. 03, 2019	Dec. 02, 2020	48,172	1,500	46,672	Jan. 16, 2020
16	Marithel Tagala	CP (PLW) No. 797	Malatgao	Narra	Dec. 12, 2019	Dec. 11, 2020	20,000MT/ 45,196sq.m	3,000		
17	Ma. Claudette Tablazon	CP (PLW) No. 343	Batang-Batang	Narra	Dec. 13, 2019	Dec. 12, 2020	20,000/4.9047h	1,000		
18	Adolfo Bernas Jr.	CP (PLW) No. 345	Bagong Sikat	Narra	Jan. 27, 2020	Jan. 26, 2021	20,000MT/yr	1,000		

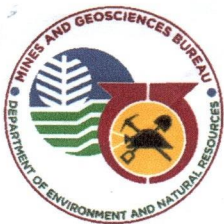
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Municipality of Narra									
19	Caridad Mariñas	CP (PLW) No. 346	Tersa	Narra	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 29, 2021	5,000 cu.m/ann	1,000	
20	Darwin Anqui	CP (PLW) No. 347	Batang-Batang	Narra	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 29, 2021	20,000MT	1,000	
21	Andrew Sy	CP (PLW) No. 198-7	Batang-Batang	Narra	Feb. 02, 2020	Feb. 02, 2021	No allowed vol. under ECC	1,000	10,000 Feb. 13, 2020
22	Nathy Gayoso	CP (PLW) No. 324-1	Bagong Sikat	Narra	Jan. 10, 2020	Jan. 09, 2021		1,000	
23	Rollie Golez	CP (PLW) No. 349	Malatgao	Narra	Feb. 13, 2020	Feb. 12, 2021	14,381cu. m/ann.		13,381 Mar. 05, 2020
24	Lea Tolentino	CP (PLW) No. 323-1	Batang-Batang	Narra	Feb. 20, 2020	Feb. 19, 2021	46,552/ann.	1,600	
25	Mira Tangonan	CP(PLW) No. 354	Estrella	Narra	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	20,000MT	1,000	
26	Teodora Palermo	CP(PLW) No. 306-2	Estrella	Narra	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	48,765cu.m.	2,400	
27	Efren Paredes	CP(PLW) No. 307-2	Estrella	Narra	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	44,912cu.m.	1,500	
28	Nilda Navarro	CP(PLW) No. 355	Batang-Batang	Narra	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	30,000cu.m.	1,600	
29	Lolie Burlaos	CP (PLW) No. 321-1	Batang-Batang	Narra	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	40,853cu.m.	1,600	
30	Guillermo Lusoc Jr.	CP(PLW) No. 270-3	Tinagong Dagat	Narra	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	48,884cu.m.	1,600	
31	Ma. Jeanne Dacua	CP(PLW) No. 351	Dumangueña	Narra	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	49,360cu.m.	1,600	
32	Jose Golez Jr.	CP(PLW) No. 221-4	Tinagong Dagat	Narra	Sept. 21, 2020	Sept. 20, 2021	30,769 cu.m.		
Municipality of Sofronio Espaniola									
33	Benjamin Quintero	CP (PLW) NO. 4	Panitian	S. Espaniola	Oct. 21, 2019	Oct. 20, 2020	19.5 MT	1,000	

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Municipality of Brooke's Point										
34	Belly Navarro	SAGP (PLW) No. 06-1	Maasin	Brooke's Point	April 03, 2017	April 02, 2022	49,995	2,000	3,000	Oct. 26, 2017
									45,000	Mar. 05 2020
35	Christina Paula Dionisio	CP (PLW) No. 217-3	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	June 25, 2019	June 24, 2020	37,480	2,000	20,000	Jul. 11, 2019
36	Remy Jamillil	CP(PLW)No. 266-2	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	Aug. 08, 2019	Aug. 07, 2020	30,000	1,000	15,000	Aug. 15, 2019
									14,000	Nov. 29, 2019
37	Teresita Socrates	CP (PLW) No. 645-3	Salogon	Brooke's Point	Sept. 30 2019	Sept. 29, 2020	49 732	1,000	20,000	Nov. 26, 2019
38	Pacita Limsa	CP(PLW) No. 223-5	Ipilan	Brooke's Point	Jan. 10, 2020	Jan. 09, 2021		1,000	30,000	Jan. 16, 2020
39	Adolfo Bernas Jr.	CP (PLW) No. 586-4	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	Jan. 27, 2020	Jan. 26, 2021	30,000/annum	1,000		
40	Arnulfo Laguisma	CP (PLW) No. 222-1	Maasin	Brooke's Point	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 29, 2021	5,000 cum/ann	1,000		
41	Cleofelia Maglaya	CP (PLW) No. 348	Maasin	Brooke's Point	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 29, 2021	10,000cum/ann	1,000		
42	Franily Pascua	CP (PLW) No. 253-6	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 29, 2021	43,000cum/ann	4,000		
43	Edna Tulingan	CP (PLW) No. 245-1	Samariñana	Brooke's Point	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 29, 2021	25,000cum/ann	2,000		
44	Jocelyn Serna	CP (PLW) No. 350	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	Mar. 03, 2020	Mar. 02, 2021	31,637cu.m.	1,000		
45	Edwin Aralar	CP (PLW) No. 149-2	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	Jun. 01, 2020	May. 31, 2021	20,000MT	1,000		
46	Agapito Laab Jr.	CP (PLW) No. 357	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	July 14, 2020	July 13, 2021	20,000MT	1,000		
47	Paul Verano	CP (PLW) No. 167-7	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	July 23, 2020	July 22, 2021	10,000cu.m	1,000		
48	Nomelito Lagan	CP (PLW) No. 359	Pangobillian	Brooke's Point	Aug. 14, 2020	Aug. 13, 2021	49,674cu.m			
Municipality of Quezon										
49	Arnel Belarmino	CP (PLW) No. 241-2	Tagusao	Quezon	Sept. 27, 2019	Sept. 29, 2020	30,000	1,000		
50	Panfucio Inocente	CP (PLW) No. 193-9	Tagusao	Quezon	Oct. 21, 2019	Oct. 20, 2020	49,258 cu.m.	1,000	48,258	Nov. 26, 2019
51	Florendo Hortilano	CP (PLW) No. 227	Tagusao	Quezon	Feb. 20, 2020	Feb. 19, 2021	28,552 cu. m	1,000		
52	Cleto Sumanga	CP (PLW) No. 356	Panitian	Quezon	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	20,000MT	1,000		
Municipality of Rizal										
53	Loreto Valderamas	CP (PLW) No. 284-3	Candawaga	Rizal	Feb. 04, 2020	Feb. 03, 2021	20,000cum/ann	1,000		
54	Carlos Quiñones	CP (PLW) No. 206-4	Candawaga	Rizal	Mar. 05, 2020	Mar. 04, 2021		2,000		
55	L&M Rodriguez	CP(PLW) No. 353	Bunog	Rizal	Jun. 10, 2020	Jun. 09, 2021	20,000MT	1,000		

NORTHERN PALAWAN

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Annex I
Memorandum dated 24 May 2021 issued by this
Office.



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24 May 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL PENRO/CENRO
MIMAROPA Region

Attn. : All MGB Embedded Personnel

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
This Office

SUBJECT : INVENTORY OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS (CDO) AND
MONITORING THEREOF

This refers to the anti – illegal mining campaign program of this Office.

In this regard, we are requesting that the MGB embedded technical personnel be authorized to conduct a Quarterly Monitoring/Inventory of the CDOs issued by your Office and/or the MGB MIMAROPA. Attached is a copy of the template for the said undertaking.

For consideration and compliance, please.

ENGR. GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Enc'l: As stated

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Memorandum
5/25/2021



MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU
MIMAROPA Region

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GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT OF MOUNTAIN QUARRY SITES IN BARANGAY POBLACION VI, CORON, PALAWAN

**QUARRY AREAS ASSESSED: (1) Quarry Areas of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco and Mr. Alfredo D. Batul
(2) LGU Compound Quarry Site**

INTRODUCTION

In compliance with the instruction of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA OIC-Regional Director Edwin M. Mojares, a team of geologists from the Geosciences Div. conducted a rapid geohazard assessment of the quarry areas in Brgy. Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan on March 28, 2022. The main objective of the survey is to assess the ground condition of the quarry sites and to determine potential risks associated with landslide and other forms of mass movements.

BACKGROUND

Based on available satellite imagery taken from Google Earth™ (**Error! Reference source not found.**) the quarry of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco has already been operating before March 2012. Judging from the Notice to the Public (**Error! Reference source not found.**) posted outside the quarry gate, the Mountain Quarries of Bella C. Tiotangco and Alfredo D. Batul located in Sitio Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6 were granted Environmental Compliance Certificates on October 14, 2009 and November 23, 2009, respectively. Operations within the permit area of Bella Tiotangco were presumed to have started around the same period. Quarry operations have continued with noticeable changes along the northwestern portion of the quarry area as seen on the satellite imageries taken in March 2012, January 2014, and Nov. 2018. Comparing the satellite images from December 2019 and November 2021 shows a significant expansion of the quarry operation at the northern portion outside the permit area of Ms. Tiotangco (Figure 2). The quarry area as seen from the final satellite image was deemed accurate as of the time of inspection.



Photo 1A. Notice to the Public posted outside the quarry permit area of Bella C. Tiotangco and Alfredo D. Batul

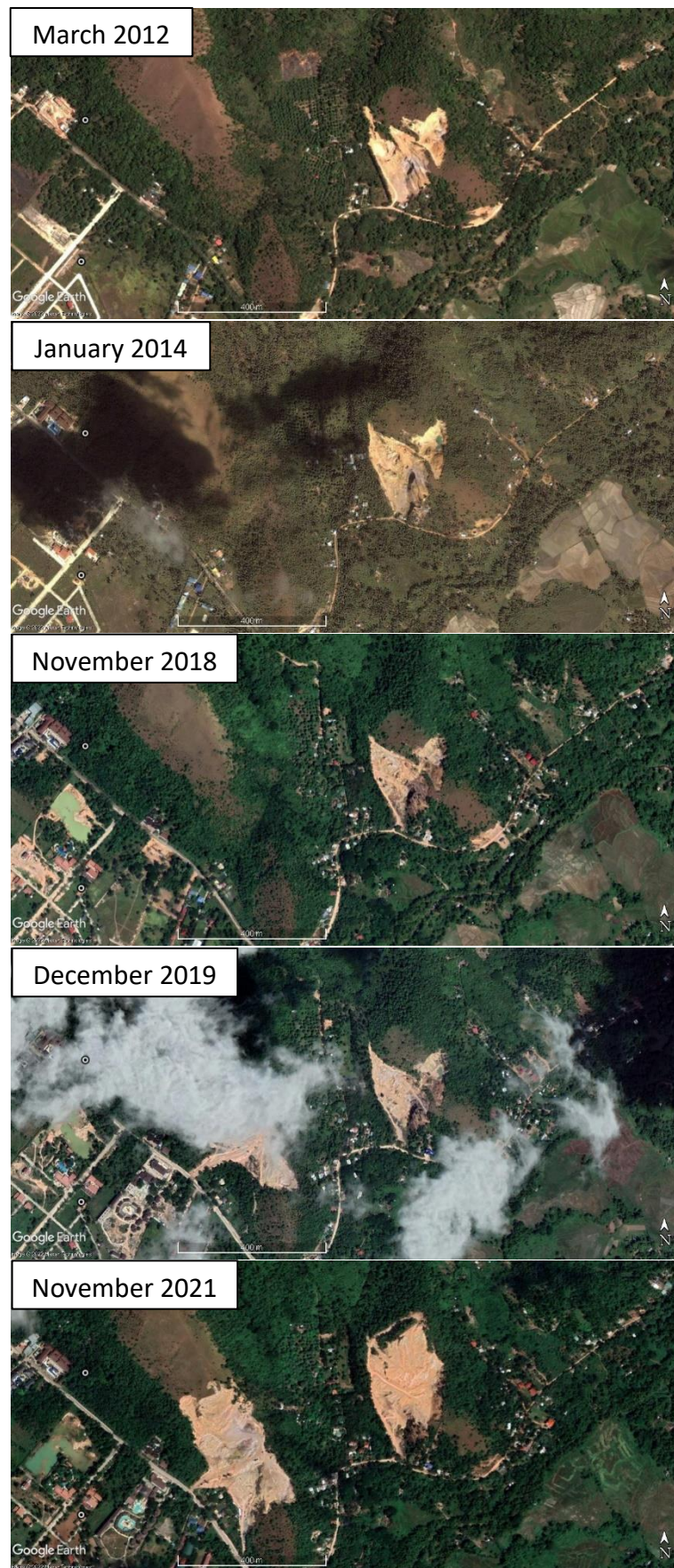
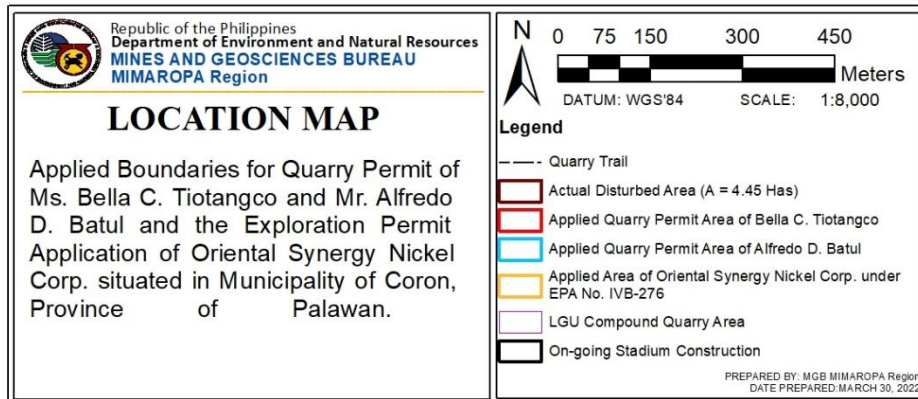
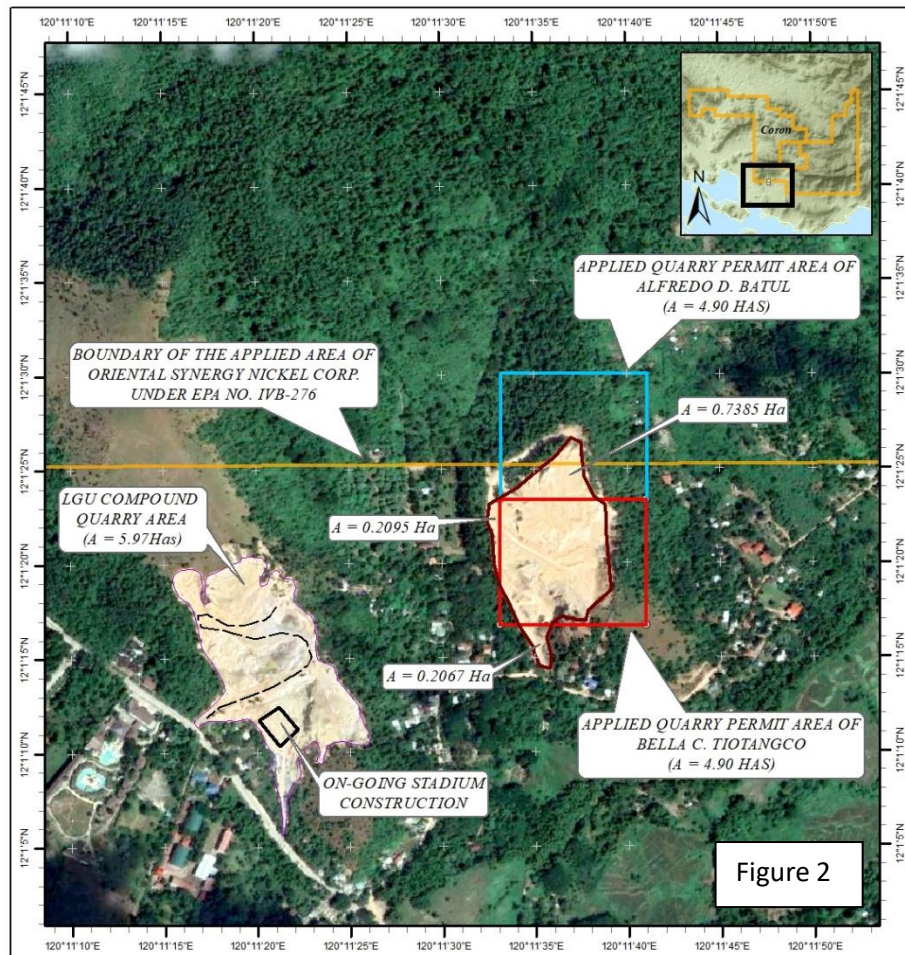


Figure 1. Google Earth™ satellite images taken March 2012 to November 2021 showing the location of the quarry areas.



In Figure 2, the ECC area of Mr. Batul's quarry site is adjacent to the northern boundary of Ms. Tiotangco's permit area. The total excavated area outside the quarry permit area of Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco is approximately 1.1547has and about 0.7385ha of it falls within the project area indicated in the ECC of Alfredo D. Batul. Moreover, the Quarry Permit Application No. QPA-(PLW)-06 of Mr. Alfredo D. Batul is in conflict with the Exploration Permit Application (EPA) of Oriental Synergy Nickel Corp. under EPA No. IVB-276.

Conversely, the satellite pictures show that the quarry operations in the stadium area (LGU Compound quarry site) started sometime after November 2018 as it only showed up on the next satellite image taken on December 2019 . The final satellite image dated November 2021 (Figure 2) shows the final extent of the quarry operations as checked from the inspection conducted this March 28, 2022.

SITE GEOLOGY

The rocks of Busuanga Island are mainly made from the cherty rocks from Liminangcong Formation (Late Permian to Late Jurassic age) and sandstone rocks of Guinlo Formation (estimated Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous age). Within the Barangay Poblacion 6, the subsurface materials in two quarry areas (Bella Tiotangco quarry area and LGU compound quarry area) are made from fragmented rocks held together by sandstone, with fragment size ranging from pebble-size to mega-boulder-size in various fragmental textures.

The observed rocks from Liminangcong Formation include massive chert, thinly-bedded chert, alternating thin beds of mudstone-chert, and fragmented medium-bedded chert boulders held together by black sulfur-bearing mudstone. Meanwhile the observed rocks from Guinlo Formation are feldspar-rich arkosic sandstone and chert lithic arenite.

The varying fragmental textures (breccia textures) comes from the varying proportion of sandstone holding the pebble/boulder fragments. Near the entrance to the stadium construction site, the sandstone proportion dominates the texture (with pebble-sized chert rock fragments floating in clayey weathered sandstone matrix), while near the construction site, the sandstone proportion are almost nil (with the mega-boulder-sized rock fragments are piled together and patchy occurrence of sandstone between the boulders).

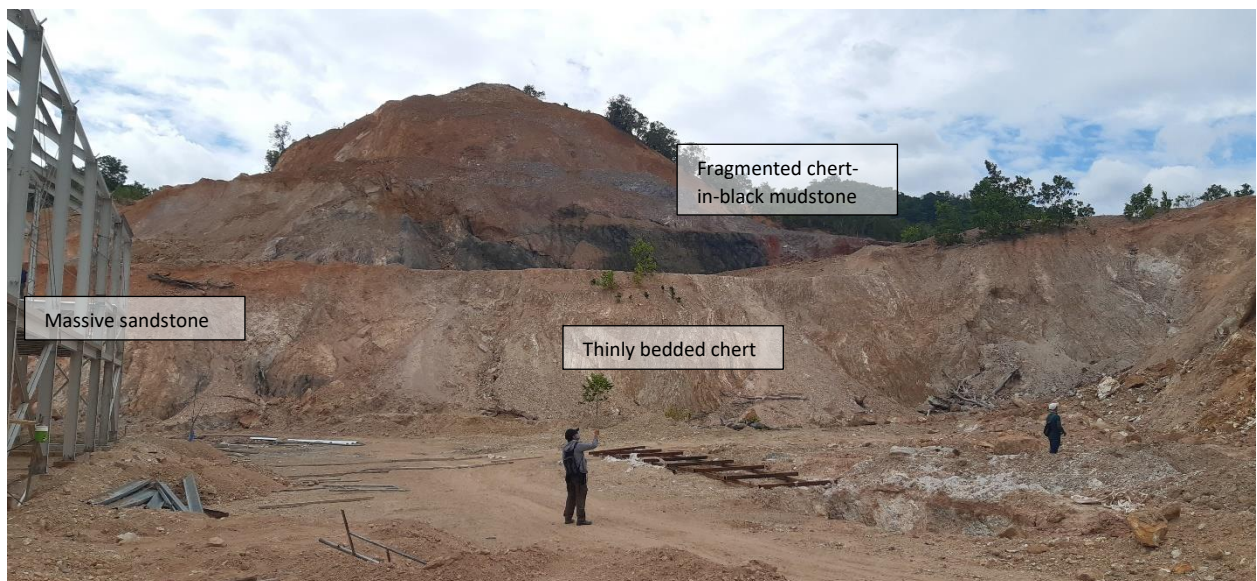


Photo 1-B Pile of mega-boulders behind the stadium construction area. The mega-boulders are made from thinly bedded chert, brecciated bedded-chert in black mudstone, alternating very thin beds of chert and mudstone, and arkose sandstone and chert lithic sandstone.



Photo 1-C Various textures of fragmented rocks in the area. Left, boulders set in sandstone (weathered into soil) behind construction gravel pile near the entrance. Right, mega-boulder and boulder on top of the cliff behind the stadium construction area.

The cherty rocks of Liminangcong Formation are both mechanically and chemically competent rocks, but bedding planes within the rock and interbeds with soft mudstone may weaken the mechanical rock strength. The feldspar-rich arkosic sandstone (a member of Guinlo Formation) easily weathers into soft, friable, chalky white rock, and with further weathering turns into clayey powdery soil. Such high contrast between indurated and friable rocks and the various fragmental textures of the subsurface material makes the geotechnical properties of the rock highly variable in the area.

GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT :

As a result of investigation conducted in the quarry sites in Barangay Poblacion 6, it was observed that the significant geologic hazard identified in the quarry area is mass movement/landslide hazard.

Mass movements or mass wasting refers to downslope movement of soil and/or rock under the action of gravity, which occurs in many forms. One typical name for mass movement is landslide. Triggering factor is either heavy rain event or earthquake. Ground vibration caused by passing vehicles may also ultimately trigger landslide.

(1) Quarry Permit Area of Bella C. Tiotangco

Cut slopes along the quarry area of Bella C. Tiotangco and Alfredo D. Batul in Sitio Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6 were assessed to be highly prone to landslides mainly due to the steep slopes with dip angles of at least 60° to almost vertically dipping. Most of the quarry area is underlain by chert, which shows extreme physical weathering and

alteration into clay. The chert sometimes exhibits daylighting beds (Photo 2) that could lead to slope failure in the form of rockslides. The lithology features extreme physical weathering as seen from the material which is unconsolidated in most exposures (Photo 3). The loose material is incised by surface runoff during rainfall events forming numerous gullies which could lead to slope failure. Heavy fracturing (Photo 4) was observed in some portions which aggravates weathering of the lithology. Previous mass movements resulted to some uprooted vegetation in the higher elevations, particularly in the western portion. The road within the quarry area is covered in loose gravel, which is easily disturbed. Residential houses situated west of the quarry site (Photo 5) may possibly be affected by landslide hazards due to their close proximity.



Photo 2. Daylighting chert beds were observed along particular slope faces.



Photo 3. Majority of the slopes are comprised of thick, unconsolidated material.



Photo 4. Highly fractured, weathered chert.



Photo 5. There are houses west of the quarry area which may be affected by landslide hazards.

Based on the landslide susceptibility database of Coron Municipality updated in March 2022, the quarry area has moderate to very high susceptibility to landslide and other forms of mass wasting.

(2) LGU COMPOUND QUARRY AREA

The stability of rock mass in the quarry area is governed by the orientation and inclination of geological discontinuities particularly joints, shear zones, faults, beddings etc. that divide the rock body into a rock mass and by the slope gradient. Geological structures are one of the important parameters in landslide hazard mapping. The joint orientation and degree of rock fracturing in relation to the slope face are considered crucial in the structurally controlled failure mechanism.

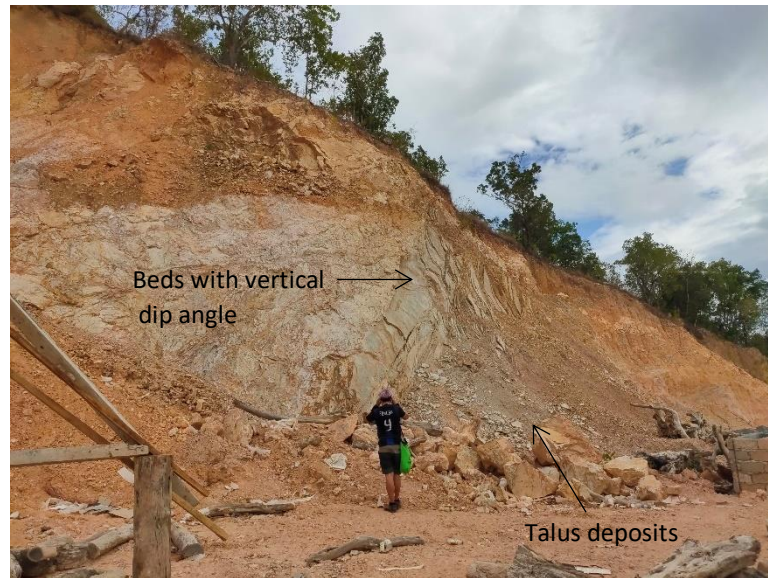


Photo 6. Development of talus deposits at the foot of a disturbed slope. Sediment size varies from fine-grained to boulder-sized sediments. Also shown are the chert bedrock with almost vertical dip angle.

The widespread deposition of loose and unconsolidated sediments at the foot of the entire stretch of the disturbed slopes was noted during the site visit. Sediment size varies from clay to boulder (some sediments reach up to around 1 meter along its longest axis)(**Error! Reference source not found.**).The presence of these deposits infers recent and continuous mass movement occurrences in the area.



Photo 7. A tension crack was observed on the slope indicating slope

Potential slope failures and landslide on rock cut slopes are in the form of rock fall, toppling, and earthflow. Based on actual mapping in the quarry area, the steeply sloping to almost vertical cut slopes walls comprising of heavily fractured rocks are highly susceptible to mass movement. The susceptibility of the rock mass to landslide is aggravated by the steeply dipping to almost vertical beds of the Liminangcong Rock Formations (**Error! Reference source not found.**). These rock mass characteristics of the

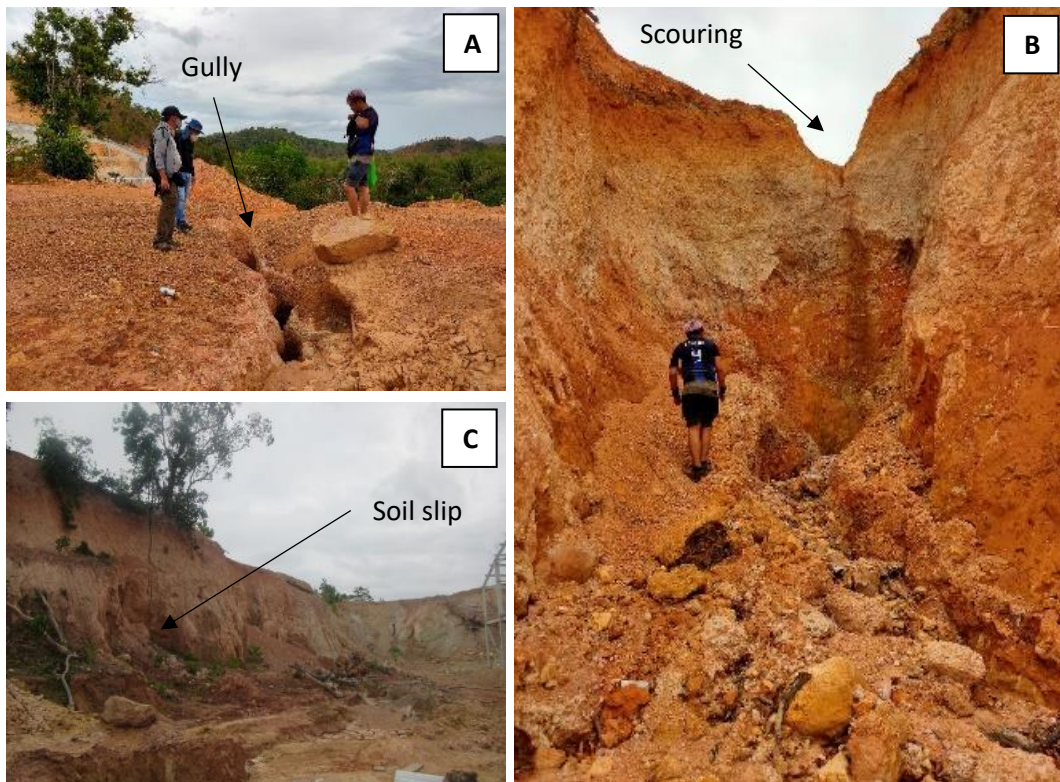


Photo 8 a. A gully that traverses the elevated areas in the quarry site; b. Scouring and mass movement near the construction site which were caused by the continuous surface water flow along the gully; and c. Minor soil slip at the base of almost vertical slope

Liminangcong Formation make it prone to rock toppling, which was observed at the quarry site.

Overhanging rocks, which are prone to rock fall, were also observed in the area (**Error! Reference source not found.**). Vertical slopes with thick soil covers are also prone to earth fall/earth flow when incessant rainfall due to extreme weather condition affects the area.

Erosion due to surface water flow was evident during the site visit. A gully with an approximate average depth of about one (1) meter traverses the elevated areas of the vicinity and heavily scours a slope near the construction area (Photo 8). The said slope is composed of weak and highly weathered materials, which are susceptible to erosion.



Photo 9 Stadium (Sports Complex Facility) under construction located in LGU Compound at Brgy Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan

Similarly, minor soil slips were also noted in other slopes in the area with the same earth materials. These small erosion features may develop into larger and more destructive landslide occurrences through time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the above findings, it is recommended that slope stabilization should be undertaken during rehabilitation of the quarry areas in Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan. Mass movement events in steep slope faces can be avoided by employing engineering techniques to make the slope more stable. Oversteepened slopes for example, could be graded or terraced (benching) to reduce the slope to the natural angle of repose. Certain slopes may be stabilized through the following measures (1) resloping of unstable weathered materials in upper part of slope; (2) removal of overhanging rocks; (3) removal of trees growing in cracks; and (4) hand scaling of loose blocks in shattered rock. Surface drains and landscape design are normally used to direct surface runoff away from the head and toe of cut slopes and to reduce infiltration and erosion in and along a potential unstable mass. Finally, it is also strongly recommended that landscaping should be carried out for aesthetic purposes.

Prepared by:

MGB MIMAROPA GEOHAZARD TEAM



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25 May 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Director**
Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

FROM : **The Regional Director**
This Office

SUBJECT : **Reclamation and Quarrying Activities in Coron, Palawan**

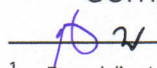
This has reference to the recent reports on the quarrying and reclamation activities in Coron which have been ordered suspended by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) MIMAROPA Region following its cancellation of the Environmental Compliance Certificate of the Coron Bay Development Project (CBDP).

In this regard, this Office would like to clarify the following:

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
 - e. Exclusive Sand and Gravel Permit
2. The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region **only** issues Area Status for proposed quarry and sand and gravel permit areas pursuant to Sections 18 and 19 of RA No. 7942 and Section 1 of EO No. 79².

The Area Status would show if the subject area is open or closed to mining application/s.

Please note that the MGB MIMAROPA Region does not have the complete data on the issued quarry and sand and gravel permit as


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

² Executive Order (EO) No. 79, Reforms in the Philippine Mining Sector.

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it is not the issuing government entity. The local government unit (LGU) does not provide the MGB MIMAROPA Region with information on the status of applications. There is also no legal basis to require the LGU being that it is a devolved function under RA No. 7160³.

3. The MGB MIMAROPA Region has no authority to suspend valid permits issued by the Governor, since it is not the issuing agency.
4. Being the issuing entity, the Office of the Governor has the sole function also to suspend or cancel the permits it has issued.
5. The MGB MIMAROPA Region issues Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs) and may file criminal complaints for violations of Sections 102 and 103 of RA No. 7942. Let it be emphasized that only those 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.
6. Pursuant to MGB MIMAROPA Regional Special Order No. 35 Series of 2022 issued on March 02, 2022, Mr. Felizardo B. Cayatoc, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) – Palawan is authorized to represent the MGB MIMAROPA Regional Director as Chairperson of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) of Palawan, in the latter's absence, and to preside over PMRB meetings and deliberations of mining applications.

The performance of duties and functions must be guided by the pertinent provisions of RA Nos. 7942 and 7076, Executive Order No. 79 and its IRR, Department Memorandum Circular No. 97-05, and other laws, rules, and regulations governing the administration and disposition of mineral resources.

7. In accordance with DAO No. 2015-03, the PMRB members are:
 - Governor or his representative
 - Small-Scale Mining Representative
 - Large-Scale Mining Representative
 - Non-Government Organization representative
8. The PMRB evaluates all applications for quarry, sand and gravel permits, and recommends for approval/denial by the Governor. It also has the power to formulate its own guideline and to impose penalty, if warranted.

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³ The Local Government Code.

On 15 October 2021, the PMRB issued Resolution No. 75-2021, imposing a penalty of more than PhP4-million to BCT Trading and Construction for extracting quarry materials for the embankment of Francisco B. Reyes Airport and road widening projects, both in the Municipality of Coron.

9. The Office of the Provincial Government-Environment and Natural Resources Office is mandated to monitor the compliance of the issued permits, with assistance from the PMRB Secretariat (LGU staff). Upon request, they may be assisted by the MGB technical personnel assigned in the DENR PENRO/CENRO and sometimes by the deputized DENRO for Mines.
10. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan issued Provincial Ordinance No. 1426-14 imposing regulatory fees, which includes funds for monitoring and enforcement.
11. PMRB Palawan issued on 24 June 2014 the Administrative Order No. 1 imposing regulatory fees, including funds for monitoring and enforcement.
12. Based on investigation reports submitted to the MGB MIMAROPA Region by the MGB technical personnel assigned in the DENR PENRO/CENRO, the Office issued CDOs, copy furnished the Local Government Offices – Governor, Mayor and Punong Barangay for their information and monitoring of compliance to the CDO.
13. This Office issued CDOs for activities/operations outside of a permit area and those operated without permits.

For 2020 and 2021, the MGB MIMAROPA Region received two complaints against the illegal mountain quarrying operations in Poblacion 6 in Coron. Citing reports from the P/CENRO, this Office issued two CDOs to BCT Construction (2020) and B. Tiotangco (2021).

14. The PG-ENRO and the PENRO concerned should monitor the compliance to the CDOs issued within its jurisdiction.

The said Office may request for the assistance of the MGB Technical Personnel assigned in CENRO-Coron. However, the area is too large for the lone MGB MIMAROPA Technical Personnel in CENRO to address and monitor illegal mining operations in the area.

The MGB MIMAROPA Region temporarily, until 30 June 2022, assigned its technical personnel embedded in PENRO Marinduque to assist in the assessment of sand and gravel operations in Coron.

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15. The PG-ENRO should encourage and recruit more Coron-based residents to be a part of the Deputized ENRO for Mines who can assist them in the monitoring of sand and gravel and quarry extractions or transport within its jurisdiction.

Upon request of the concerned LGUs, the MGB MIMAROPA Region conducts trainings and issues certificates of participation and controlled identification cards for the DENRO for Mines.

16. A composite team from the central and MIMAROPA regional offices of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), MGB, and EMB conducted a site investigation, inspection, and validation of the said project and its mountain quarry resources on March 24-25, 2022, in compliance with the instruction from DENR Secretary Jim O. Sampilna, dated March 23, 2022.
17. Following the investigation by the DENR composite team, geologists from the MGB MIMAROPA Region performed a rapid geohazard assessment on the quarry areas in Brgy. Poblacion 6 in Coron on March 28, 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.

It was recommended that slope stabilization be undertaken during the rehabilitation of the quarry areas in Brgy. Poblacion 6. Based on the investigation conducted, mass movement or landslide hazard is identified as significant geologic hazard in the site.

Attached is the Memorandum from this Office dated 01 April 2022 endorsing the reports on the geohazard assessment, and the 31 March 2022 investigation report of the illegal mountain quarry operations in Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.

For the Director's information and ready reference.

for Edwina M. Mojares
EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.

Enc'l: As stated

cf: **The Director**
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
North Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

The Regional Executive Director
DENR-MIMAROPA Region

CDOs issued by MGB-MIMAROPA in Coron, Palawan

(Updated as of 08 June 2022)

	Date Issued	Location	Violators
1	26 February 2018	San Nicolas River, Sitio Calawag, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan	Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco Proprietor of BCT Trading and Construction
2	23 September 2020	Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco, President of BCT Construction
3	28 September 2020	Sitio Bisbis, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Jose Castro
4	25 January 2021	Busuanga Pasture Reserve, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco, President of BCT Construction
5	24 March 2021	Umaya River, Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco, President of BCT Construction Inc.
6	22 June 2021	Papualan River, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan	BCT Trading and Construction
7	01 December 2021	Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan	Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco
8	27 April 2022	Sitio Bisbis, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Jose Castro
9	28 April 2022	Barangays Guadalupe, Decalachao and San Jose, Coron, Palawan	BCT Construction Inc.
10	12 May 2022	Sitio Tabok, Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Renato Correa
11	12 May 2022	Labangan River, Sitio Abaca, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Jimmy Mandap
12	12 May 2022	Pinagpulungan, Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Ricardo Nacachi
13	30 May 2022	Barangay San Jose, Coron, Palawan	BCT Construction Inc.
14	06 June 2022	Busuanga Pasture Reserve, Coron, Palawan	428 Hi-Tech Group Inc.



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February 26, 2018

Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco
Proprietor
BCT Trading & Construction
Sitio Digiboy, Guadalupe,
Coron, Palawan

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Dear Ms. B. C. Tiotangco:

This refers to the recent inventory of mining/quarry permit areas in the Municipality of Coron, Province of Palawan, which was conducted on February 08, 2018 by the technical personnel of this Office and the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board Staff of Coron.

Per records of this Office, only one (1) Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit was issued in Coron granted to Mr. Renato Correa under Commercial Permit Application (CPA) No. 677 containing an area of 2.6192 hectares in San Nicolas River, So. Calawag, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan.

Based on the field findings, an excavation measuring about 0.30 hectare which is partly situated in the eastern portion of the CPA No. 677, plus other extraction areas in the north-western tip of the same permit area, were observed (Please see attached sketch/map). The said 0.30 hectare excavation evidently caused by the extraction of sand and gravel materials was allegedly conducted by BCT Trading & Construction for about a month from the date of the MGB's inventory without consent from the permit holder - Mr. Renato Correa.

Considering that no other permit was issued within the proximity of Mr. Correa's area, any extraction thereto is automatically deemed illegal. Hence, your company was found to be in violation of Section 103 of the Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, which provides that:

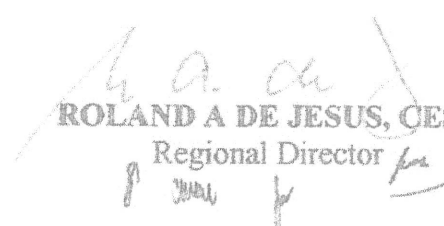
"Section 103. Theft of Minerals. - Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of. In the case of associations, partnerships, or corporations, the president and each of the directors thereof shall be responsible for the acts committed by such association, corporation, or partnership"

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In view thereof, you are advised to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from further conducting sand and gravel extraction operation in the area without the necessary mining permit. In addition, you should submit a plan for the immediate rehabilitation of the subject area for the protection of the river bank and the adjoining private property/ies.

Likewise, you are instructed to explain to this Office five (5) days from receipt hereof why no illegal mining charges shall be filed against you pursuant to Section 103 of R.A. No. 7942.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V
Regional Director *for*

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
DENR-MIMAROPA Region

The PENRO-PALAWAN



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23 September 2020

MR. TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO

President/ Project Developer

BCT Construction/ Coron Development Project
Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:

This refers to the Memorandum Report dated 19 June 2020 of Mr. Pedro A. Velasco, OIC CENRO-Coron, re: *"Report on the Technical Conference Conducted Regarding the Excavation Activities in Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan"* which was received by this Office on 15 September 2020.

Based on the above, it was reported that BCT Construction, Project Developer of Coron Development Project, has been extracting mountain quarry materials outside its permit area.

Please be informed that Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995*, provides that:

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In this regard, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting mountain quarry activities in the area without the necessary mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case(s) before a competent court, if found necessary.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V
Regional Director

cc: **THE PENRO and CONCURRENT PMRB CHAIRPERSON**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

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Coron, Palawan

THE MAYOR
Coron, Palawan

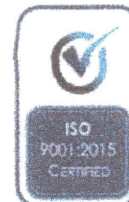
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28 September 2020

MR. JOSE R. CASTRO

Brgy. Guadalupe
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. J. R. Castro:

This refers to the Investigation Report dated 19 June 2020 by the technical personnel of CENRO - Taytay, re: *"INVESTIGATION ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES LOCATED IN LABANGAN RIVER, SITIO BISBIS, BRGY. GUADALUPE, CORON, PALAWAN"*, which was received by this Office on 28 September 2020.

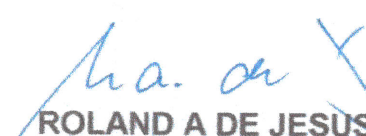
Based on the above, it was reported that you have been conducting sand and gravel activities outside your permit area.

Please be informed that Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995*, provides that:

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In this regard, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel activities in the area without the necessary mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case(s) before a competent court, if found necessary.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V
Regional Director

cc: **THE PENRO and CONCURRENT PMRB CHAIRPERSON**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

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25 January 2021

MR. TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO

President
BCT Construction
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:


This refers to the Memorandum Report dated 22 January 2021 of For. Ferdinand Gatchalian, OIC CENRO-Coron, re: "8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: FOLLOW-UP COMPLAINT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL QUARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON, PALAWAN" which was received by this Office on 25 January 2021.

Based on the above, it was reported that BCT Construction (BCT) has been conducting quarrying operation inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve, which is strictly prohibited to any form of disposition, exploration or exploitation pursuant to Proclamation No. 2013-663.

Furthermore, no mining permit and other clearances from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) was issued for the quarrying operation of BCT intended for the construction of embankment of the proposed Busuanga Airport Expansion Project.

Hence, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting quarry activities in the area without the necessary mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case(s) before a competent court, if found necessary.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V
Regional Director

cc: **The DENR Action Center/Hotline**
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The Regional Executive Director
DENR - MIMAROPA

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THE PENRO and Concurrent PMRB Chairperson
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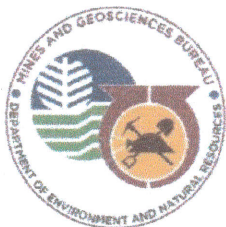
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24 March 2021

MR. TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO

President
BCT Construction Inc.
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:

This refers to the investigation report dated 26 February 2021 by the technical personnel of CENRO – Coron, re: *"Investigation Report on the Alleged Illegal Sand and Gravel Operation at Umayra River, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan."*

The corresponding investigation results confirmed that BCT Construction Inc. is engaged in the illegal sand and gravel activity at Umayra River, Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

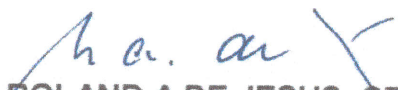
Please be informed that Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995*, provides that:

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Hence, you hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel activities in the area without the necessary mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against your company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942 and DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V
Assistant Director
Regional Director in concurrent capacity
MGB MIMAROPA Region

cc: The Regional Executive Director
DENR – MIMAROPA

The CENRO
Coron, Palawan

THE PENRO and Concurrent PMRB Chairperson
Palawan

Concerned Indigenous People of Brgy. Guadalupe
Coron, Palawan

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22 June 2021

The President

BCT Trading and Construction
Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please be informed that on 15 June 2021, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) is conducting illegal sand and gravel extraction in Papupalan River, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without any mining and/or transport permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, 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, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting illegal sand and gravel activities in the area without the necessary mining permit and delivery receipt. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against the company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 4942.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,


ENGR. GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

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



¹ Republic Act (RA) No. 7942 – The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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01 December 2021

Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco
Sitio Lamud, Brgy. Poblacion 6
Coron, Palawan

Dear Ms. B. C. Tiotangco:

Please be informed that on 24 November 2021, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT), purported operator of your Mountain Quarry Project, has been conducting quarrying operation outside Quarry Permit No. QP (PLW) No. 02-01.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of quarry materials outside the permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, 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, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting quarry activities outside your permit area. 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. 7942.

Furthermore, please conduct relocation survey on the approved quarry area since based on our records there are inconsistencies on the reference point and tie lines on the submitted Survey Plan that results to an erroneous data on the computed coordinates.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: The DENR Action Center/Hotline
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The Regional Executive Director
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The President
BCT Trading and Construction
Coron, Palawan

The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
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The CENRO – Coron
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Calle Nueva, Coron Town Proper, Palawan

The Mayor - Coron
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Coron, Palawan

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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27 April 2022

MR. JOSE R. CASTRO

Brgy. Guadalupe
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. J. R. Castro:

Please be informed that on 21 April 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that you conducted sand and gravel operation at Labangan River, Sitio Bisbis, Barangay Guadalupe, Coron without a valid mining permit and a still effective Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO).

It may be recalled that on 28 September 2020, this Office issued a CDO for violation of Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

The said CDO is hereby reiterated without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against you with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

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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MIMAROPA Region

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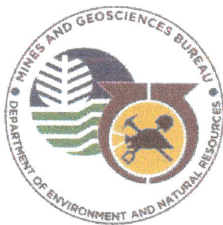
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The Mayor – Coron
Coron, Palawan

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28 April 2022

The President

BCT Construction Inc.
Coron, Palawan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be informed that on 23 March 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Construction Inc. (BCT) conducted sand and gravel operations at Barangays Guadalupe, Decalachao and San Jose, Coron, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

It may be recalled that this Office issued Cease-and-Desist Orders (CDOs) dated 24 March 2021 and 22 June 2021 to BCT in violation of Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

The said CDOs are hereby reiterated without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against your company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

Furthermore, BCT should rehabilitate the previous sand and gravel extraction areas to reduce or prevent the detrimental effects of flood waters.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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

Enc'l: As stated

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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MIMAROPA Region

The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

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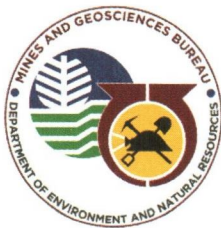
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12 May 2022

Mr. Renato Correa
Barangay San Nicolas
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. R. Correa:

Please be informed that on 03 May 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that you extracted sand and gravel materials in Sitio Tabok, Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, 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. 7942¹, **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 and gravel extraction in the area 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,


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cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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12 May 2022

Mr. Jimmy Mandap
Barangay Guadalupe
Coron, Palawan

RC 603 526 018 ZZ



Dear Mr. J. Mandap:

Please be informed that on 03 May 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that you extracted sand and gravel materials in Labangan River, Sitio Abaca, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, 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. 7942¹, **which provides that:**

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Hence, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel extraction in the area 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.

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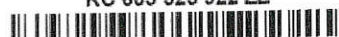
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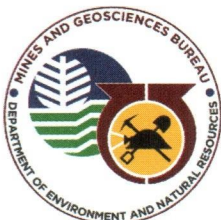
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12 May 2022

Mr. Ricardo Nacachi
Sitio Pinagpulungan
Barangay San Nicolas
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. R. Nacachi:

Please be informed that on 06 May 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that you extracted sand and gravel materials for the National Housing Authority housing project in Sitio Pinagpulungan, Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without any mining permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, **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 and gravel extraction in the area 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.

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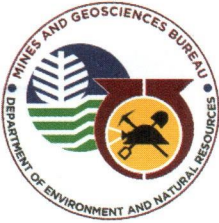
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30 May 2022

The President

BCT Construction Inc.
Coron, Palawan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be informed that on 25 May 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Construction Inc. (BCT) conducted sand and gravel operations in Barangay San Jose, Coron, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

It may be recalled that this Office issued several Cease-and-Desist Orders (CDOs) dated 24 March 2021, 22 June 2021 and 28 April 2022 to BCT in violation of Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

The said CDOs are hereby reiterated without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against your company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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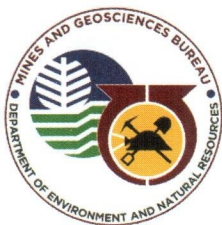
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06 June 2022

The President

428 Hi-Tech Group Inc.
Sitio Pakunan, Brgy. San Nicolas
Coron, Palawan

Dear Sir/Madam:

The CENRO – Coron confirmed that 428 Hi-Tech Group Inc. (428 High-Tech) extracted mountain quarry materials inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve.

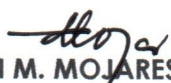
Please be advised that Proclamation No. 1387¹ prohibits any form of disposition, exploration or exploitation inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve.

Hence, 428 High-Tech is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from extracting quarry materials in the area. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case(s) before a competent court, if found necessary.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.
Chief, Geosciences Division
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¹ Reserving and Establishing as a Pasture Reserve a Certain Parcel of Land of the Public Domain situated in the Island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan

