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Ms. Melchora N. Redito

Punong Barangay
Barangay Lico
Cajidiocan, Romblon

Dear PB M. N. Redito:

Please be informed that on 15 February 2022, PENRO – Romblon confirmed that Mount Guiting-Guiting Construction, contractor for the river desilting project of Barangay Lico, has been conducting dredging activities at Lumbang River, Barangay Lico, Cajidiocan, Romblon without a Dredging Permit/Clearance pursuant to the applicable provisions of Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2019-01¹.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of river aggregates without any dredging/mining/transport permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942², **which provides that:**

***"Theft of Minerals** – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals mineral or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants..xxx"*

Hence, the Barangay is advised to refrain from further conducting dredging activities until the necessary permit/clearance has been secured.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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

cf: **The Undersecretary**
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The PENRO - Romblon
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The Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

Mr. Eufemio Regala
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Cajidiocan, Romblon

¹ Guidelines on the Issuance of Clearance and/or Permit for Dredging Within Waterways or Other Inland Bodies of Water
² The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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