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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.

Very truly yours,


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

cf: **The Regional Executive Director**
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The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office
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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The Mayor – Coron
Office of the Mayor
Coron, Palawan

The CENRO - Coron
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Barangay 5, Calamianes Island, Coron, Palawan

The PG-ENRO, Palawan
Provincial Mining Regulatory Board Office
Ground Flr., PEO Building, Banca-Bancao
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The Punong Barangay
San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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