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The Punong Barangay
Barangay Villa Libertad
El Nido, Palawan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be informed that on 25 April 2022, CENRO – Taytay confirmed that the barangay officials of Barangay Villa Libertad extracted sand and gravel materials for the paving of the barangay access road in Sitio Batbat, Barangay Villa Libertad, El Nido, 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. 7942[1], **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 sand and gravel extraction in the area until the necessary mining permit has been secured.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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

cf: **The Regional Executive Director**
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[1] The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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