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Mr. Dario Soledad

Sitio Barok, Barangay Cataban
Taytay, Palawan

Dear Mr. D. Soledad:

Please be informed that on 26 April 2022, CENRO – Taytay confirmed that you extracted sand materials to produce hollow blocks for the renovation of your house in Sitio Barok, Barangay Cataban, Taytay, Palawan without a valid mining permit.


The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand materials without a 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 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

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

The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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The Punong Barangay
Barangay Cataban, Taytay, Palawan

The CENRO - Taytay
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
5312 Taytay, Palawan

The Mayor - Taytay
Office of the Mayor
Taytay, Palawan

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

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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

