24 May 2022

Mr. Marianito Padilla
Barangay Poblacion 3
San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

Dear Mr. M. Padilla:

Please be informed that on 08 April 2022, CENRO – San Jose confirmed that you conducted illegal beach sand extraction in Aroma Beach, Barangay San Roque, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

The above-cited extraction of beach sand materials is strictly prohibited pursuant to Section 1 of *Batas Pambansa Blg. (BPB) 265[1]*, which provides that:

> *"**Section 1.** Any provision of law, presidential decree, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, the extraction of gravel and sand and such other activities as would erode or diminish the natural beauty of beaches are prohibited..xxx"*

Hence, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting illegal beach sand extraction in the area. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against you with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of BPB 265.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

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

cf: **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
       Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

       The Mayor – San Jose
       Office of the Mayor
       San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

The CENRO – San Jose
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Barangay Labangan, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

The PG-ENRO – Occidental Mindoro
Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

The Punong Barangay
Brgy. San Roque, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

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[1] *Batas Pambansa Blg. 265 re:* "*An Act Prohibiting the Extraction of Gravel and Sand from Beaches and Providing Penalties Therefor*

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