

#### Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Environment and Natural Resources MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU MIMAROPA Region



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28 April 2022

**The President**BCT Construction Inc.
Coron, Palawan

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be informed that on 23 March 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that BCT Construction Inc. (BCT) conducted sand and gravel operations at Barangays Guadalupe, Decalachao and San Jose, Coron, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

It may be recalled that this Office issued Cease-and-Desist Orders (CDOs) dated 24 March 2021 and 22 June 2021 to BCT in violation of Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

The said CDOs are hereby reiterated without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against your company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

Furthermore, BCT should rehabilitate the previous sand and gravel extraction areas to reduce or prevent the detrimental effects of flood waters.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



#### Enc'l: As stated

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 Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa Ciliy, Palawan

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The Punong Barangay
Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan

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Barangay 5, Calamianes Island, Coron, Palawan

**The Mayor – Coron** Office of the Mayor Coron, Palawan

**The Punong Barangay**Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

**The Punong Barangay** Barangay San Jose, Coron, Palawan







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22 June 2021

#### The President

BCT Trading and Construction Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

## Dear Madam/Sir:

Please be informed that on 15 June 2021, CENRO - Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) is conducting illegal sand and gravel extraction in Papualan River, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without any mining and/or transport 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, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately CEASE AND DESIST from conducting illegal sand and gravel activities in the area without the necessary mining permit and delivery receipt. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against the company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 4942.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

cc:

ENGR. GLENWIMARCELO C. NOBLE Regiona

The Regional Executive Director

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24 March 2021

MR. TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO

President
BCT Construction Inc.
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:

This refers to the investigation report dated 26 February 2021 by the technical personnel of CENRO – Coron, re: "Investigation Report on the Alleged Illegal Sand and Gravel Operation at Umaya River, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan."

The corresponding investigation results confirmed that BCT Construction Inc. is engaged in the illegal sand and gravel activity at Umaya River, Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

Please be informed that Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the *Philippine Mining Act of 1995*, provides that:

"Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of. xxx."

Hence, you hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel activities in the area without the necessary mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against your company with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942 and DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V

Assistant Director

Regional Director in concurrent capacity

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CC:

The Regional Executive Director DENR - MIMAROPA

The CENRO

THE PENRO and Concurrent PMRB Chairperson Palawan

Concerned Indigenous People of Brgy. Guadalupe