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28 April 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The PENRO**
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City
Province of Palawan

FROM : **The Regional Director**
This Office

SUBJECT : **Continuous Illegal Sand and Gravel Operation of BCT Construction Inc. at Barangays Guadalupe, Decalachao and San Jose, Coron, Palawan**

This respectfully refers to the attached 23 March 2022 Memorandum-Report of CENRO - Coron regarding the above subject.

Please be informed that this Office issued Cease and Desist Orders dated 24 March 2021, 22 June 2021 and 28 April 2022 (copies attached) to BCT Construction Inc. (BCT) in violation of Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹.

In this regard, this Office respectfully requests for the PENRO-Palawan's Legal Team to act on the case against BCT pursuant to the provisions of RA No. 7942.

For the PENRO's consideration and further action, please.


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

Enc'l: As stated

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

The Mayor – Coron
Office of the Mayor
Coron, Palawan

The Punong Barangay
Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

The Punong Barangay
Barangay Guadalupe, 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, Banciao-Banciao
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The Punong Barangay
Barangay San Jose, Coron, Palawan

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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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.

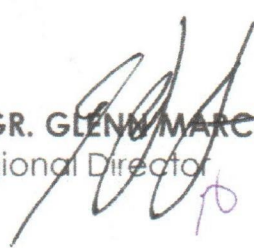
The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without any mining and/or transport permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, which provides that:

***"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,


ENGR. GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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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 Umay River, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.”*

The corresponding investigation results confirmed that BCT Construction Inc. is engaged in the illegal sand and gravel activity at Umay 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
MGB MIMAROPA Region

cc: The Regional Executive Director
DENR – MIMAROPA

The CENRO
Coron, Palawan

THE PENRO and Concurrent PMRB Chairperson
Palawan

Concerned Indigenous People of Brgy. Guadalupe
Coron, Palawan

