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The Punong Barangay

Barangay San Nicolas

Coron, Palawan

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be informed that on 23 March 2022, CENRO – Coron confirmed that you previously extracted sand and gravel materials for the National Housing Authority housing project in Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, 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. 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, the Barangay is advised to refrain from further conducting sand and gravel extraction in the area until the necessary mining permit has been secured.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.

OIC - Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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MIMAROPA Region

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The Mayor – Coron
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Coron, Palawan

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Provincial Mining Regulatory Board Office
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995



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