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October 24, 2022

MR. RAHIM DETUYATO

Administrative Officer VCH Construction

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Sir,

Environmental greetings!

This pertains to the result of the inspection on sand and gravel extraction in Igang River in Sitio Igang, Barangay Poblacion, Taytay, Palawan. It is within the jurisdiction of Malampaya Sound Protected Landscape and Seascape (MSPLS), Taytay-San Vicente, Palawan per Presidential Proclamation No. 342, signed and approved on July 12, 2000.

It was confirmed that the sand and gravel materials extracted from the river without permit/s are used for the on-going bridge expansion in the area. Accordingly, the operations thereof are under your watch as Administrative Officer of VCH Construction. Hence, you and VCH Construction are cited for violation of Section 103 of the Republic Act 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 and Republic Act 7586 or NIPAS Act of 1992 as amended by Republic Act 11038 or ENIPAS Act of 2018, particularly Section 20, paragraphs p and q, which provides:

"Section 103. Theft of Minerals. - 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...xxx" (RA 7942)

"Section 20. Paragraph (p) – Undertaking mineral exploitation or extraction within the protected area." (RA 11038)

"Section 20. Paragraph (q) – Engaging in commercial or large-scale quarrying within the protected area." (RA 11038)

In view hereof, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel extraction. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against you with the proper court for violation of the laws provided.

For your strict compliance.

Sincerely,

Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

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