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Mr. Frederick Sariego
Barangay San Rafael
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Dear Mr. F. Sariego:

Please be informed that CENRO – Coron confirmed that you have been conducting sand and gravel operation along Malabnao River, Brgy. San Rafael, Busuanga, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

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

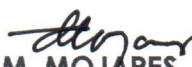
***"Theft of Minerals** – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals mineral or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants...xxx"*

Hence, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel activities without a valid mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against you with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.
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cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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