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Mr. Jam Tapallia

Maryknoll Builders & Supply
Barangay Bucana
El Nido, Palawan

Dear Mr. J. Tapallia:

Please be informed that CENRO – Taytay confirmed that you have been conducting quarrying activity for the construction of the Barotuan – Bucana road in Brgy. Bucana, El Nido, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

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

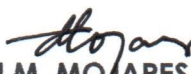
***"Theft of Minerals** – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals mineral or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants...xxx"*

Hence, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting quarrying 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.
Chief, Geosciences Division
OIC, Office of the Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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