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14 September 2022

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The Regional Director
This Office

SUBJECT : On-the-Spot Report on the Illegal Sand and Gravel
Operations of Rak Trading Construction in Gochi River,
Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

This refers to the Memorandum Report dated 16 August 2022 regarding the above subject.

Based on the attached on-the-spot report, it was disclosed that the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) - Coron allowed Rak Trading Construction (Rak Trading) to extract sand and gravel materials for the National Irrigation Administration's canal project in Busuanga Pasture Reserve, Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

Hence, this Office issued a Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) of even date (copy attached) to Rak Trading in violation of Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942¹.

We are respectfully requesting the PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson-Palawan to monitor the compliance of Rak Trading to the above issued CDO.

For your appropriate action, please.

GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Encl: As stated

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

The Mayor - Coron
Office of the Mayor
Coron, Palawan

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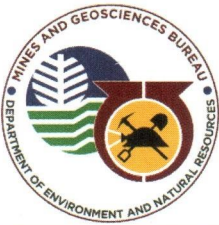
The CENRO - Coron
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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The Punong Barangay
Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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ENGR. ROY JABA

Project Engineer
Rak Trading Construction
Sitio Gochi, Barangay Decalachao
Coron, Palawan

Dear Engr. R. Jaba:

The CENRO – Coron confirmed that Rak Trading Construction (Rak Trading) extracted sand and gravel inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve without the required mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without the necessary 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, Rak Trading is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from extracting sand and gravel in the area without a valid mining permit. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case(s) before a competent court, if found necessary.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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