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14 September 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The DENR Action Center/Hotline**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

FROM : **The Regional Director**
This Office

SUBJECT : **DENR Action Center/Hotline Reference Code No. ACK20220822-01 re: Complaint on the Alleged Illegal Gold Mining of Mr. Ronnie Alejo in Sitio Aplaya, Barangay Sumagui, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro**

We are respectfully forwarding a copy of the 08 September 2022 Memorandum from the PENRO-Oriental Mindoro endorsing its Investigation Report on the above subject.

Based on the said report, the following were noted:

1. There was no illegal gold mining observed during the investigation.
2. The excavation in Sitio Aplaya, Barangay Sumagui, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro is intended for the Biogas Production Project of Mr. Ronnie Alejo.
3. It was recommended that the Environmental Management Bureau – MIMAROPA Region should check whether the Biogas Production Project of Mr. Ronnie Alejo needs to secure the necessary permit from their Office.

For your information and reference.


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Encl: As stated

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

The Regional Director
Environmental Management Bureau
MIMAROPA Region

The PENRO – Oriental Mindoro
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office
Suqui, Calapan City
Oriental Mindoro

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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

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Memorandum
9/15/2022



MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU
MIMAROPA Region



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office

08 September 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region

FROM : THE IN-CHARGE, OFFICE OF THE PENRO
Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

**SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL
GOLD MINING OF MR. RONNIE ALEJO IN CELIS
COMPOUND, SITIO APLAYA, BARANGAY SUMAGUI,
BANSUD, ORIENTAL MINDORO**

Furnished is the Investigation Report in response to the Memorandum dated 22 August 2022 of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, MIMAROPA Region regarding the alleged illegal gold mining of Mr. Ronnie Alejo in Celis Comapound, Sitio Aplaya, Barangay Sumagui, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro.

For information.

TSD Chief, ALMA E. GIBE



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Cc: The Regional Director
Environmental Management Bureau - MIMAROPA

The Chief PEMU
Environmental Management Bureau
Calapan Satellite Office

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08 September 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE IN-CHARGE, OFFICE OF THE PENRO
Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

FROM : The Undersigned

SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL GOLD MINING OF MR. RONNIE ALEJO IN CELIS COMPOUND, SITIO APLAYA, BARANGAY SUMAGUI, BANSUD, ORIENTAL MINDORO

Pursuant to Amended Travel Order No. 402, the undersigned together with Ms. Rosalie Bunguin - MENRO (Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer) Staff and Mr. John Luis Sanchez – Agricultural Technologist of Bansud, conducted the above subject on 05 September 2022 in Celis Compound, Sitio Aplaya, Barangay Sumagui, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The undertaking was conducted in response to the Memorandum dated 22 August 2022 from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) – MIMAROPA Region received by this office on 26 August 2022 forwarding a copy of the complaint text message from an anonymous sender received on 22 August 2022 by the DENR Action Center/Hotline Citizens Complaint with Reference Code Number ACK20220822-01.

In the complaint text message, the anonymous sender expressed her concern on the alleged illegal gold mining activity of Mr. Ronnie Alejo at Celis Compound, Sitio Aplaya, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro. It was mentioned that Mr. Ronnie Alejo gathered people to excavate deep holes in search of gold. It was further stated that flooding has begun in the area.

The investigation aims to validate the veracity of the complaint and to check whether there is a violation of RA 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS


1. The reported area is located at Celis Compound, Sitio Aplaya, Barangay Sumagui, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro.
2. The site is accessible by means of any land-type vehicle via the nautical highway of Bansud, Oriental Mindoro. From the nautical highway, the subject area is accessible by an approximately one (1) kilometer vehicle ride on an unpaved road access along Salamia Blvd.
3. During the investigation, approximately 1.2 by 1.2 meters wide and seven (7) feet deep excavation with wooden planks for support and a piggery containing eighteen (18) pigs were noted in the area.
4. There is no on-going mining operation during the investigation.

5. The extracted soil materials were stockpiled beside the excavated area. Likewise, there is no evidence of illegal disposition of the soil material.
6. According to a local resident near the vicinity, Mrs. Lina Magallanes, the area has long been a piggery and the excavated hole is for the biogas production project of Mr. Ronnie Alejo.
7. She further mentioned that the reported area is a private lot owned by Mr. Ronnie Alejo and that no flooding is being experienced in the area.
8. Mr. Ronnie Alejo confirmed that he owned the private lot, and likewise, confirmed that the excavated hole was intended for the biogas production project from pig manures.
9. According to Mr. Alejo, the said project started three (3) months ago and is not continuous due to financial constraint.
10. Moreover, the area is a piggery and the pigs contained at the moment will soon be increased to one hundred (100) heads.
11. In addition, the pigs will be equally distributed to selected poor families for his proposed foundation.
12. He then stipulated that flooding rarely occurs in the area and if flooding does occur, no nearby residents will be affected since it is a private lot.
13. Being in a titled land property, Mr. Ronnie Alejo, the landowner, did not allow photo documentation during inspection.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

1. Based on the field observations, no illegal gold mining is being conducted in the area. Hence, no violation of RA 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.
2. The area should be visited by Environmental and Management Bureau (EMB) to check whether Mr. Ronnie Alejo needs to secure necessary permits for the piggery and proposed biogas production project.

For your information and further instruction.


MARIE LOUISE C. BINWAG
Science Research Specialist II

Cc: **The Regional Director**
 Mines and Geosciences Bureau - MIMAROPA

The Regional Director
 Environmental Management Bureau - MIMAROPA

The Chief PEMU
 Environmental Management Bureau
 Calapan Satellite Office

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Photo No. 1: Undersigned together with Ms. Rosalie Bunguin and Mr. John Luis Sanchez.



Photo No. 2: Photo near the inspected area.

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From: Aksyon Kalikasan (aksyonkalikasan@denr.gov.ph)

To: glennmarcelo.noble@mgob.gov.ph, mines_4b@yahoo.com, 8888.mimaropapa@mgob.gov.ph

Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 at 09:22 AM GMT+8

Dear Sir/Madam,

Respectfully forwarded herein text message received dated August 22, 2022 coursed thru the DENR Action Center/Hotline <aksyonkalikasan@denr.gov.ph> from a concerned citizen for your information and appropriate action, please. Kindly inform this Office of action taken for monitoring and reference purposes.

Thank you and stay safe!

Reference Number: ACK20220822-01



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Please hide my identity.
Reporting illegal mining activity at

Cellis Compound, Sitio Aplaya,
Brgy Sumagui, Bansud, Oriental

Mindoro.
They are digging deep holes
looking for gold.

Kindly investigate please.

Ronnie Alejo po tapos kumuha
siya ng group niya. Bumabaha na
po kasi dun sa area. Lagi silang
naghuhukay naghahanap ng ginto.

Please hide my number and my
identity. Salamat po. Wala po kasi
lakas ng loob mag report sa kanila.