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Mr. Harmin Alit
Punong Barangay
Barangay Punang
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Dear PB H. Alit

Please be informed that on 13 April 2023, the technical personnel of CENRO – Brooke's Point confirmed that you allowed Yurich Builder and Construction Supply to extract and transport earth materials from the side of a small hill in Purok Maligaya, Brgy. Punang, Sofronio Española, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of earth materials without a mining permit even within a private property 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 advised to refrain from further conducting or allowing extraction and disposition of earth materials even within your private property without a valid mining permit.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: **8888 Citizens Complaint Center**
Office of the President
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Ticket Reference No. G20230330-669-5

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The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
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The Regional Executive Director
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The CENRO – Brooke's Point
Community Environment and Natural Resources Office
Brooke's Point, Palawan

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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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

