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**Mr. Crispin Villaluna**  
Barangay Barahan  
Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro

**Dear Mr. C. Villaluna:**

Please be informed that on 19 June 2023, PENRO – Occidental Mindoro confirmed that you have been conducting sand and gravel operation outside your Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit area at Pola River, Barangay Barahan, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials outside the permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942<sup>1</sup>, 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 outside your permit area. 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. 4942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Digitally signed by Gacad Felizardo Abubo Jr  
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<sup>1</sup> The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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