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14 August 2023

Mr. Jerry Mateo

EDB Construction
Panacan Road
Narra, Palawan

Dear Mr. J. Mateo:

Please be informed that on 14 August 2023, Mr. Markus Ploch confirmed that you have been extracting and disposing earth materials sourced from his fishpond construction project in Barangay Bagong Sikat, Narra, Palawan without his consent and despite the issuance of the 08 August 2023 Cease-and-Desist Order by this Office.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of earth materials, without a mining permit and/or authorization from the permit holder, is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, which provide that:

***"Theft of Minerals** – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals minerals 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 the illegal extraction and disposition in the above 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. 7942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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