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**Mr. Dante Diaz**

Dantos Trading and Construction  
Barangay Villa Paz  
El Nido, Palawan

**Dear Mr. D. Diaz:**

Please be informed that CENRO - Taytay confirmed that Dantos Trading and Construction (DTC) has been extracting and commercially disposing river aggregates sourced in Barangay Villa Paz, El Nido, Palawan.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of river aggregates without a mining permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942<sup>1</sup>, 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 DTC is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting illegal extraction and commercial 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,

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Palawan

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<sup>1</sup> The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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

