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Mr. Rolly Gacayan Sitio Bukal-Bukal 2 Barangay Guadalupe Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. R. Gacayan:

Please be informed that per 13 January 2023 Memorandum of the Environmental Management Bureau – MIMAROPA, which was received by this Office on 17 January 2023, it was revealed that you conducted excavation activities at Sitio Bukal-Bukal 2, Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, 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 hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting excavation activities in the said 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.

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Very truly yours,

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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995