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The President

Newington Builders Inc.
Aborlan, Palawan

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please be informed that on 01 February 2023, the technical personnel of CENRO – Puerto Princesa City confirmed that Newington Builders Inc. (Newington) conducted sand and gravel activities at Sitio Pila, Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan and outside the permit area of Mr. Apolinario C. Bacaltos without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials 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, Newington is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel 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.

Very truly yours,

GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
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The Punong Barangay - Apurawan
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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