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Mr. Antonio Villanueva Gonzales
Little Baguio, Barangay New Agutaya
San Vicente, Palawan

Dear Mr. A. V. Gonzales:

Please be informed that on 12 December 2022, the technical personnel of CENRO – Roxas confirmed that you have been conducting extraction activities at Sitio Macatumbalen, Barangay Poblacion, San Vicente, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of earth 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, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting extraction 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,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, PhD
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cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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