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**Mr. Liberato G. Mayor, Jr.**  
Punong Barangay  
Barangay Gui-ob, Alcantara  
Romblon

**Dear PB L. G. Mayor, Jr.:**

Please be informed that on 09 December 2022, the technical personnel of PENRO – Romblon confirmed that several local residents of Barangay Gui-ob, Alcantara, Romblon has been conducting sand and gravel activities at Madalag River, Barangay Gui-ob, Alcantara, Romblon, 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. 7942<sup>1</sup>, 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, please monitor the illegal mining activities in your jurisdiction in accordance with the powers, duties and functions of a Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Section 389, Item No. 9 of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:

  
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cc: **The Regional Executive Director**  
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**The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson**  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Romblon

**The Mayor – Alcantara**  
Office of the Mayor  
Alcantara, Romblon

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

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

