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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

FROM : **The OIC, Office of the Regional Director**
This Office

SUBJECT : **Update on the 12 October 2022 Investigation Report on the Quarry Operation Along Malabnao River, Barangay San Rafael, Busuanga, Palawan**

This respectfully refers to the 09 December 2022 Memorandum, forwarding the 17 October 2022 Memorandum from CENRO - Coron, on the above subject.

Please be informed that on 27 October 2022, this Office issued a Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) to Mr. Frederick Sariago in violation of Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942.

Attached is a copy of the said CDO, for your reference.

For the Regional Executive Director's information.

By Authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, PhD
Chief, Geosciences Division

Enc'l: As stated



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27 October 2022

Mr. Frederick Sariego
Barangay San Rafael
Busuanga, Palawan

Dear Mr. F. Sariego:

Please be informed that CENRO – Coron confirmed that you have been conducting sand and gravel operation along Malabnao River, Brgy. San Rafael, Busuanga, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials without a mining permit is equivalent to theft of minerals pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, **which provides that:**

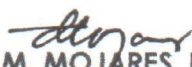
***"Theft of Minerals** – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals mineral or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants...xxx"*

Hence, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from conducting sand and gravel activities without a valid mining permit. 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,

By authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, Ph.D.
Chief, Geosciences Division
OIC, Office of the Regional Director.

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

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The Punong Barangay – San Rafael
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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