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The Punong Barangay
Barangay Bacungan
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please be informed that on 10 January 2023, the technical personnel of CENRO – Puerto Princesa City confirmed that a certain “Mr. Tan” previously conducted beach sand extraction at Sitio Talaudyong, Brgy. Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City.

The above-cited extraction of beach sand materials is strictly prohibited pursuant to Section 1 of *Batas Pambansa Blg. (BPB) 265¹*, which provides that:

“Section 1. Any provision of law, presidential decree, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, the extraction of gravel and sand and such other activities as would erode or diminish the natural beauty of beaches are prohibited..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,


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Regional Director

The Regional Executive Director
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¹ *Batas Pambansa Blg. 265 re: “An Act Prohibiting the Extraction of Gravel and Sand from Beaches and Providing Penalties Therefor*

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