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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** **The PENRO and**  
**Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson**  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office  
Ilang-ilang St., Sitio II, Suqui  
Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

**FROM :** **The Officer-In-Charge**  
Office of the Regional Director  
This Office

**SUBJECT :** **Alleged Black Sand Mining in the Municipality of**  
**Baco, Oriental Mindoro**

This refers to the 14 June 2023 Memorandum from PENRO – Oriental Mindoro informing this Office of the result of the monitoring on the above subject.

Based on your findings, the alleged black sand mining is actually a soil sampling activity in line with the proposed river restoration by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro.

Hence, this Office suggests that the PENRO – Oriental Mindoro should directly coordinate with the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro to verify whether it has issued a Notice to Proceed pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2019-14.

Further, per our records this Office has not issued any offshore permit/contract in the municipality of Baco, Oriental Mindoro.

For the PENRO's information and further action, please.

  
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Chief, Geosciences Division

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cc: The Provincial Governor  
Provincial Capital Complex  
Barangay Camimil, Calapan City  
Oriental Mindoro

The Regional Executive Director - MIMAROPA  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

The Regional Director - MIMAROPA  
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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

