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Mr. Edwin R. Raci
Barangay Harrison
Paluan, Occidental Mindoro

Dear Mr. E. R. Raci:

Please be informed that on 11 May 2023, PENRO – Occidental Mindoro confirmed that you have been conducting sand and gravel operation outside your Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit area at Gayamat River, Barangay Harrison, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of sand and gravel materials outside the 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 outside your permit 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,


GLENN MARCELLO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

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

The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office
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Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

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Community Environment and Natural Resource Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

The Mayor – Paluan
Office of the Mayor
Paluan, Occidental Mindoro

¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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