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10 March 2023

Engr. Paolo Baltazar
Administrative Officer
Newington Builders Inc.
Aborlan, Palawan

Dear Engr. P. Baltazar:

This refers to the 09 March 2023 letter requesting for the lifting of the 02 February 2023 Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) issued by this Office to Newington Builders Inc. (Newington) in violation of Section 103 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹.

Based on the said letter, Newington strongly affirmed that its sand and gravel activities at Sitio Pila, Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan is within the permit area of Mr. Apolinario C. Bacaltos.

Field monitoring conducted by the CENRO – Puerto Princesa recommend that a CDO be issued to Newington for the conduct of sand and gravel activities without a valid mining permit at:

1. Sitio Pila, Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan for the testing of its segregating equipment; and
2. Outside the permit area of Mr. A. C. Bacaltos (estimated at around 500 meters away from Mr. Bacaltos permit area).

On 07 March 2023, this Office received the 06 March 2023 Memorandum of CENRO – Puerto Princesa with the information that two (2) trucks of Newington were seized by MENRO personnel due to its continuous operation in the area despite the issuance of the CDO.

Given the above information, the CDO is hereby reiterated without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against Newington with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 7942.

Furthermore, the CDO shall only be lifted if Newington:

1. Submit a copy of its sand and gravel permit to this Office; and

¹The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

2. Submit to the CENRO – Puerto Princesa the Operating/Memorandum Agreement with Mr. A. C. Bacaltos approved by the Provincial Governor.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Regional Director

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