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Mr. George Lyndle Arboleda
San Nicolas, Coron
Palawan

Dear Mr. G. L. Arboleda:

Please be informed that on 07 March 2023, the technical personnel of this Office noted that you have been conducting extraction activities in Barangay Nicolas, Coron, Palawan without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of river aggregates is equivalent to theft of minerals under 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 further extraction activities in the said area until you have secured a valid 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. 4942.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cf: **The Regional Executive Director**
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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