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**HON. MARJO T. REYES JR.**

Municipal Mayor  
Coron Palawan

Attn: **ENGR. IKE PARANGUE**  
Municipal Engineering Office

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Coron, Palawan

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Hon. Mayor Reyes,

Warm greetings from CENRO Coron!

This pertains to the construction of the proposed New Public Market Project located at Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan. We have observed some movements/construction within the vicinities of the said project during our regular patrol and monitoring on illegal activities conducted within our Area of Jurisdiction (AOJ).

Please be reminded that this Office has already issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) on June 24, 2022 for violating the following provisions:

- a. Section 77 of Presidential Decree (PD) 705 prohibits the cutting, gathering, collecting or removing of timber or other forest products from any forestland, or timber from alienable or disposable public land or private land without any authority.
- b. Section 78 of PD 705 prohibits the entering, occupying and possessing forestland without any authority;
- c. Section 4 of Republic Act (RA) 7161 explicitly bans the cutting of all mangroves species;
- d. Section 43 of Presidential Decree 705 also prohibits clear cutting operations in all mangrove swamps intended for coastal-protection purposes;
- e. Section 99 of RA 10654 prohibits the conversion of mangroves into fishponds or any other purpose;
- f. Section 103 of RA 7942 prohibits the extracting of minerals and disposing the same without the mining agreement, lease permit or licence;
- g. Section 5 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No.2018-14 stipulates that an Area Clearance should be secured prior to any reclamation activity; Section 21 thereof that any unauthorized reclamation and application for issuance of Reclamation and Special Patent over reclaimed land in violation of national and/or local laws and regulations shall not be processed, and the land shall be forfeited in favour of the States, in accordance with Presidential Decree No.3-A dated 11 January 1973, and may be disposed of, pursuant CA 141, as amended and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

In view of foregoing, we are reiterating to refrain from conducting any activities until all necessary permits, clearances, licenses from appropriate government agencies were secured.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**RODNEY G. VERIAN**

