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

Dear Engr. P. Baltazar:

This refers to the 08 May 2023 letter of Newington Builders Inc. (Newington) in compliance with the 05 May 2023 letter of this Office for the lifting of the 03 February 2023 Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) issued to Newington in violation of Section 103 of the Republic Act No. 7942¹.

Based on evaluation, the submitted 08 March 2023 Supply Agreement entered into by and between Mr. Apolinario C. Bacaltos and Newington only allows the latter to purchase and pick-up aggregates from the permit area of the former. The said supply agreement does not allow Newington to extract aggregates in the said area.

Hence, the 03 February 2023 CDO issued to Newington for the extraction and disposition activities at Barangay Apurawan, Aborlan, Palawan cannot be lifted unless an Operating/Memorandum of Agreement, recognized by the Provincial Governor, allowing Newington to extract in the said area has been entered into by and between Mr. A. C. Bacaltos and Newington.

On the other hand, Newington may continue to purchase aggregates from the permit area of Mr. A. C. Bacaltos based on the terms and conditions of the 08 March 2023 Supply Agreement. Newington is, however, reminded that it cannot commercially dispose to other entities the aggregates subject of the said Supply Agreement.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

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The Philippine Mining Act of 1995