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Mr. Zandro R. De Jesus
Sangguniang Bayan Member
Busuanga, Palawan

Dear Mr. Z. R. De Jesus:

Please be informed that on October 2023, CENRO - Coron confirmed that you have been extracting and allowing various contractors to extract mountain quarry materials from the landslide area in Sitio Tabirna, Barangay Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan and disposing the same as backfill materials for the road opening project of LGU- Busuanga, without any mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of quarry materials without a mining 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 Republic Act No. 7942.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


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

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