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Ms. Fatima V. Balmonte

Punong Barangay
Barangay Poblacion
Dumaran, Palawan

Dear PB F. V. Balmonte:

Please be informed that on September 2023, CENRO – Roxas confirmed that several local residents of Barangay Poblacion, Dumaran, Palawan has been conducting sand and gravel (SAG) activities in a stream near the Dumaran-Araceli Highway located in Barangay Poblacion, Dumaran, Palawan, without a valid mining permit.

The above-cited extraction and disposition of SAG materials 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, please monitor the illegal mining activities in your jurisdiction in accordance with the powers, duties and functions of a Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Section 389, Item No. 9 of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

By Authority of the Regional Director:


EDWIN M. MOJARES, PhD
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cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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¹ The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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