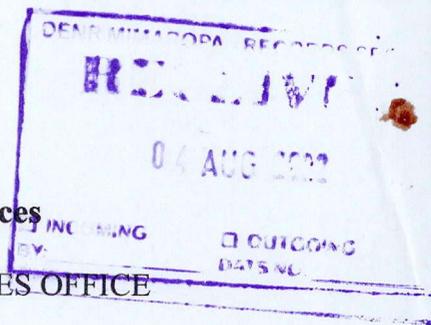




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Bgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
Telfax No. (048) 434 - 8791
Email Add: penropalawan@denr.gov.ph



July 06, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila

: The Regional Director
MGB –MIMAROPA Region
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila

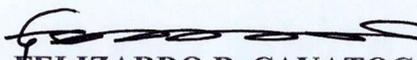
FROM : Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP MONITORING FOR THE SAND AND GRAVEL ACTIVITIES OF MR. CORREA AT BRGY. SAN NICOLAS AND MR. MANTAP AT BRGY. GUADALUPE, AND QUARRY OPERATION OF 428 HI-TECH GROUP INC. AT BRGY. SAN NICOLAS, CORON, PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the Memorandum dated 01 July 2022 of CENRO Coron endorsing the appended report of MGB and EMB personnel dated 01 July 2022 relative to the above subject.

It is informed that per report, the aforementioned proponents are observing and compliance with the cease-and-desist Order issued against the operations.

For your information and record.


FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

Copy Furnished:
The Provincial Mining Provincial Board (PMRB)
Puerto Princesa City
RGT/EMU Doc. No. 2022-6080

DENR-PALAWAN
PENRO-RECORDS
RELEASED
By _____
Date: 13 JUL 2022
CN # 2-1700



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Community Environment and Natural Resources Office
Barangay 5, Calamianes Island, Coron, Palawan
Telephone No. +63 917 504 2633

E-mail: cenrocoron@denr.gov.ph Website: www.denr.gov.ph

01 July 2022

MEMORANDUM

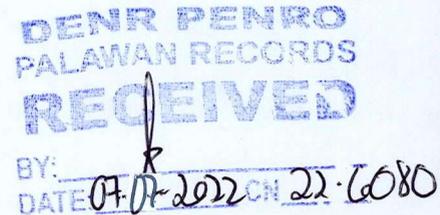
FOR : **The OIC-Regional Executive Director**
1515 L & S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila

The Regional Director
Mines and Geosciences Bureau-MIMAROPA
DENR Building, Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU : **Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : **The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer**
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP MONITORING FOR THE
SAND AND GRAVEL ACTIVITIES OF MR. CORREA AT BRGY.
SAN NICOLAS AND MR. MANDAP AT BRGY. GUADALUPE;
AND QUARRY OPERATIONS OF 428 HI-TECH GROUP INC.
AT BRGY. SAN NICOLAS, CORON, PALAWAN**



Respectfully endorsing is the report of the MGB and EMB personnel dated 01 July 2022 regarding the abovementioned subject.

Last 08 June 2022, a follow-up monitoring was conducted in mountain and sand and gravel activities in Brgy. San Nicolas and Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron. This was to ensure proper and prompt compliance of the proponents to stop their respective operations until the necessary permits are acquired. Upon visiting the sites, no signs of ongoing operation were observed except for the dumping of stockpiled aggregates of Mr. Correa for the community road of Brgy. San Nicolas as part of their Social Development Program.

For your information and record.

For and in the absence of the CENRO



Mary Ann B. Valones
MARY ANN B. VALONES
Forester I

In-charge of the Office of CENR

AS T



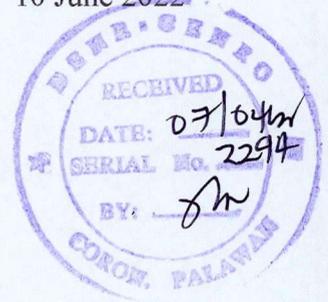
10 June 2022

MEMORANDUM

**FOR : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan**

FROM : The Undersigned

**SUBJECT : REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-UP MONITORING FOR THE
SAND AND GRAVEL ACTIVITIES OF MR. CORREA AT BRGY.
SAN NICOLAS AND MR. MANDAP AT BRGY. GUADALUPE;
AND QUARRY OPERATION OF 428 HI-TECH GROUP INC. AT
BRGY. SAN NICOLAS, CORON, PALAWAN**



Background Information

Under Travel Order No. 2022-010, the undersigned conducted a follow-up monitoring last 08 June 2022 to the subject areas. This is in relation to the issued cease-and-desist orders by the MGB and the order by the BPRMO to stop the operations within the BPR. In addition, on 03 June 2022, this office received an order from PENRO to continuously monitor the said sites. Figure 1 shows the location of each quarry site within the municipality of Coron.

Purpose and Scope

The undersigned conducted a follow-up monitoring on the aforementioned sites to ensure prompt and proper compliance of the following proponents. The investigation includes an ocular inspection of the site, photo documentation, and verbal interviews with the locals/owners/caretakers.

Findings and Observations

Mr. Correa - Brgy. San Nicolas

1. The subject area is located within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve in Sitio Tabok, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron. It is geographically situated at 12° 04' 53" N, 120° 11' 09" E. This is approximately 20 km away from CENRO Coron and can be reached within an approximately 20-minute motorcycle ride (Figure 1).
2. Prior to the on-site investigation, a courtesy visit was paid to Brgy. San Nicolas. Upon the request of the undersigned, a barangay tanod served as a guide to the reported quarry site.

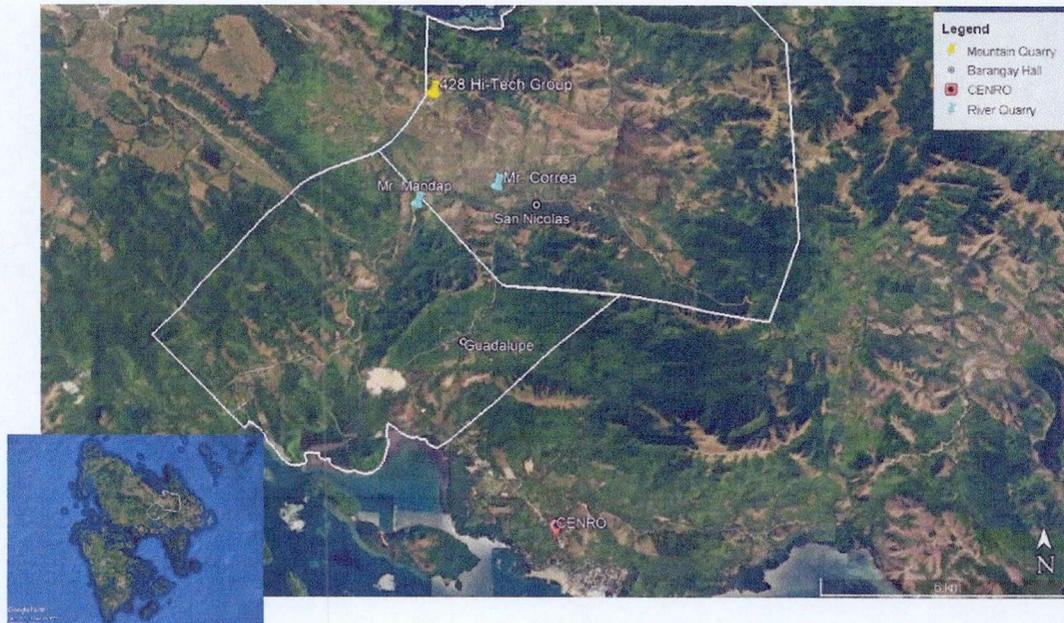


Figure 1. Location map of the investigated sand and gravel and mountain quarry areas in Brgy. San Nicolas and Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan. The white lines denote the approximate boundary of each barangay. The image is excerpted from Google Earth.

3. Prior to site arrival, a small white truck with a carrying capacity of 3 cu. m. was seen with a full load of sand and gravel (*see Photo Documentation*). Based on the driver, Mr. Jerome, the aggregates were to be used as a fill material for the depressions in the dirt road which accumulates standing water. This barangay road is utilized by the community residing in Sitio Tabok and other nearby sitios going to the barangay proper.
4. The caretaker, Mr. Roman Fabia, mentioned that the observed activity was a request from the barangay. Mrs. Correa, the wife of the owner, further confirmed this statement. She added that a total of 36 cu. m. will be used, and the material will be taken from the existing stockpiles and waste gravels from hollow block production (*see Photo Documentation*). Based on google earth measurements, a total of 1.3 km will be the scope of this activity (Figure 2). Mrs. Correa further mentioned that this is part of their social development program, and this is part of their yearly contribution to the barangay of San Nicolas.
5. The driver have mentioned that it was the first day of the activity. Subsequent observation confirms that there were only a few depressions that have been filled.
6. There is no extraction of new quarry material based on the undisturbed river channel and the lack of quarry equipment. Furthermore, testimonies from the interviewees also suggest that there was no commercial disposition of the aggregates.

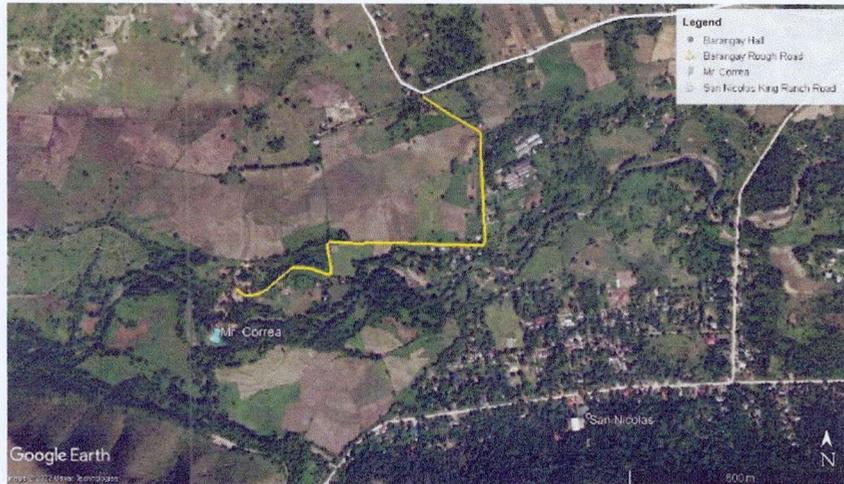


Figure 2. Road project of Mrs. Correa. The yellow line represents the total length of the 1.3 km rough road to be filled.

428 Hi-Tech Group Inc. - Brgy. San Nicolas

1. The subject area is located in Sitio Pakunan, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve. It is geographically situated at 12° 05' 60" N, 120° 10' 17" E. This is approximately 15 km away from CENRO Coron and can be reached within an approximately 25-minute motorcycle ride (Figure 1).
2. Upon arrival at the quarry site, no activity was observed. There were also no visible changes to the quarry site compared to the recent visit of some of the CENRO personnel. All heavy quarry equipment was also nowhere to be seen (*see Photo Documentation*).

Mr. Mandap - Brgy. Guadalupe

1. The subject area is located within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve in Sitio Abaca, Brgy, Guadalupe, Coron. It is geographically situated at 12° 04' 30" N, 120° 10' 02" E. This is approximately 12 km away from CENRO Coron and can be reached within an approximately 15-minute motorcycle ride.
2. Upon arrival at the quarry site of Mr. Mandap, the gates were closed. No tire tracks were also observed on the road leading to the area. This was confirmed by some locals living near the quarry site. As per them, no activity was done in the area for almost a month already. This coincides with the release of the cease-and-desist order to the proponent which suggests proper compliance of the proponent.

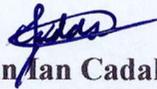
Comments and Recommendations

1. To all proponents, keep up their compliance with the cease-and-desist orders until the necessary permits are acquired.
2. For Mr. Correa's case, the activity supporting the barangay's plan to improve the situation of the community road may continue provided that the source is from their existing stockpiles, and there will be no further extraction of materials from the river. Furthermore, there should be no commercial disposition of the said aggregates until such permits are acquired.

For your reference, record, and further instruction(s).



Casandra Lynda Jalac
Science Research Specialist II
MGB MIMAROPA – Embedded Personnel



Vann Ian Cadalso
Science Research Specialist II
MGB MIMAROPA – Embedded Personnel

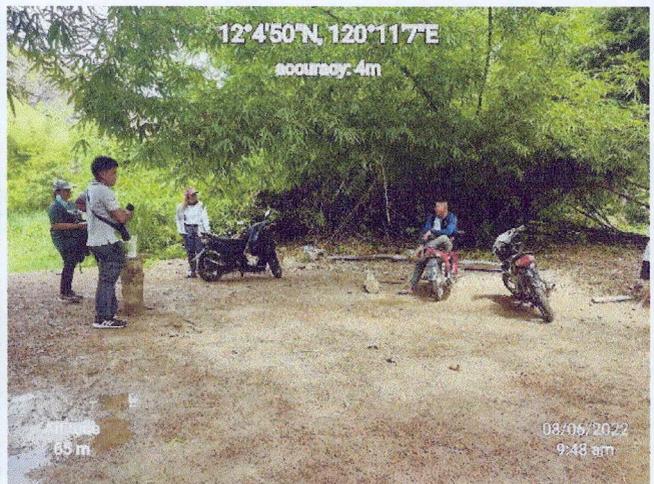


Arwin Del Rosario
EnMO-PMS
EMB MIMAROPA

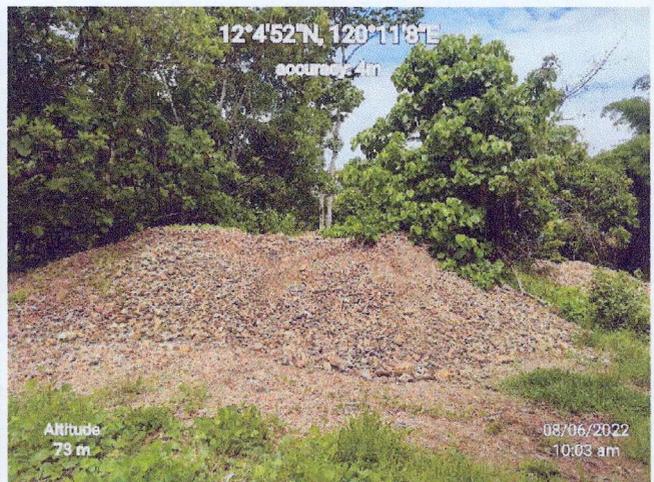
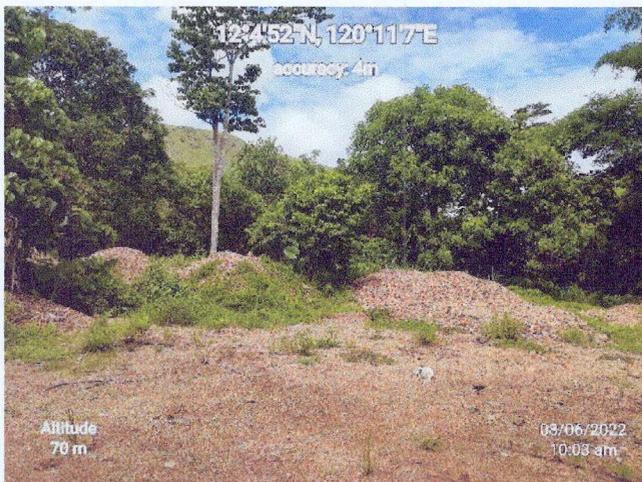
Photo Documentation
(Proponent: Mr. Correa – Brgy. San Nicolas)

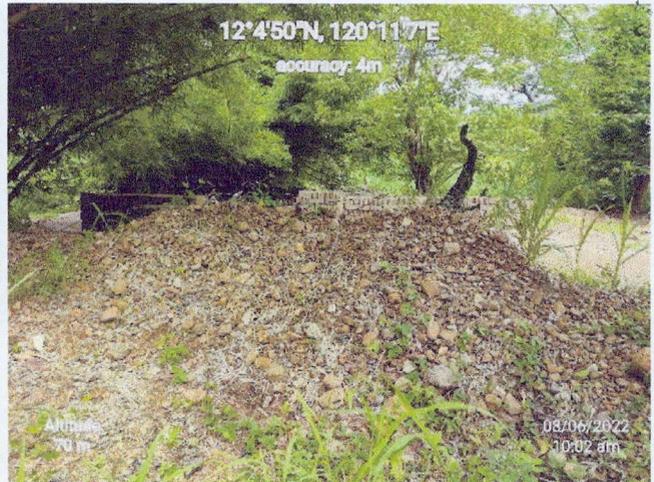


White truck carrying aggregates to be dumped on the road depression that accumulates standing water. As per Mrs. Correa, this is part of their contribution to the barangay of San Nicolas.



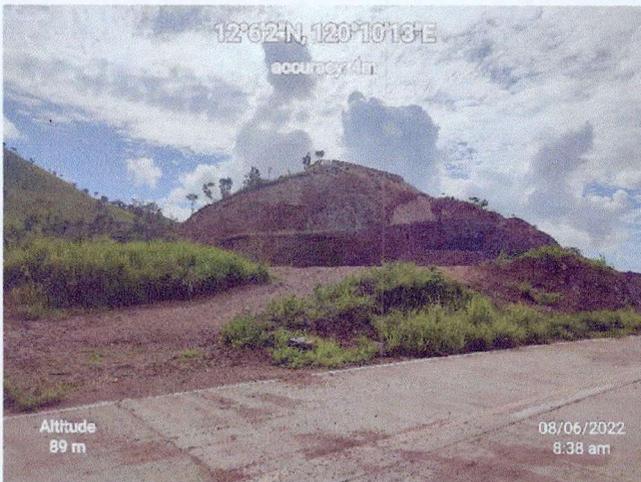
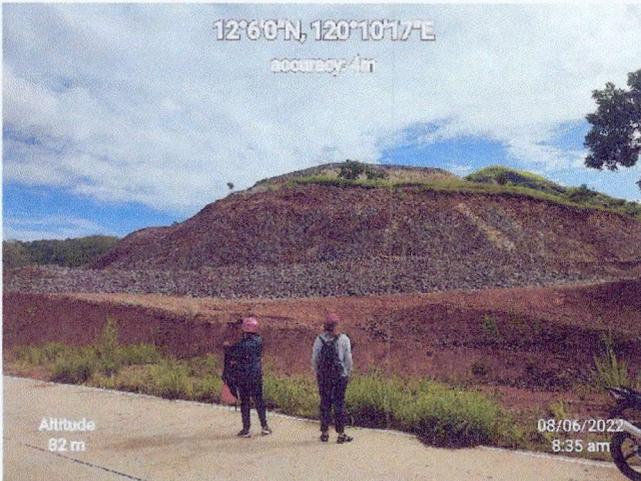
Interview of the undersigned with the personnel of Mrs. Correa in the quarry site.





Some of the old stockpiles of the proponent. These will be the source of the mentioned activity.

(Proponent: 428 Hi-Tech Group Inc. – Brgy. San Nicolas)



State of the proponent's quarry upon site visit. No evidence of recent activity was observed in the area.