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May 4, 2022

## HON. NOVELIN E. AGUILAR

Punong Barangay
Barangay Mainit
Municipality of Brooke's Point
Province of Palawan 5305

## Dear Hon. Aguilar:

This has reference to your letter dated March 29, 2022 which was received by this Office on the same date regarding the alleged illegal sand and gravel activities of R. Narrazid Trading and Construction located at the spillway of Sitio Roadside, Brgy. Mainit, Brooke's Point, Palawan. Together with the representatives of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development and Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) of Mainit, technical personnel of this Office conducted a field inspection/investigation on April 1, 2022.

During the said field inspection/investigation, no sand and gravel activities were being conducted within the area, but evidence of extraction of aggregates was observed by the team. Per information from the representative of BLGU – Mainit, the said contractor already stopped extracting and transporting aggregates as soon as your office instructed them to halt.

Using Global Positioning System (GPS)—based field tracking and Geographic Information System (GIS)—generated map, it was found that an area of 404.03 square meters was under extraction and is located 169.63 meters from the spillway. Moreover, change of river course was noted because the said area is within portion of Lot No. 545, PLS-96 of Brgy. Pangobilian, Brooke's Point, Palawan based on Module 3, Case 10 of M-Cad 796D, Brooke's Point Cadastre.

In view of the foregoing, this Office endorsed the field inspection/investigation report to the concerned agencies for their information and further action. Letter dated May 4, 2022 was sent to R. Narrazid Trading and Construction instructing them to refrain from further extracting mineral resources in any public and private areas until such time that the required permit/s are secured from the proper authority. Continuous monitoring of sand and gravel activities is also advised in accordance with the powers, duties and functions of the Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Item 9, Section 389, Chapter III of the Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991:

"xxx (9) Enforce laws and regulations relating to pollution control and protection of the environment; xxx"

We trust that we have addressed your concern and you are encouraged to consult our Office if you have further questions and clarifications.

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Truly yours,

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