



July 4, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR : LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**  
Regional Executive Director  
DENR-MIMAROPA Region  
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila



**FROM : THE PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER**  
Palawan

**SUBJECT : ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED AS  
PENR OFFICER CONCERNING THE CUTTING AND/OR  
DESTRUCTION OF MANGROVES IN CORON,  
PALAWAN**

In compliance to the Memorandum issued by the Regional Executive Office – MIMAROPA Region, dated June 23, 2022, requiring this office to submit proof of actions regarding the cutting and/or destruction of mangroves in Coron, Palawan, hereunder are the different actions taken to the aforementioned subject.

Please be informed however, that the undersigned was designated as the OIC-PENRO on January 12, 2022, by virtue of Special Order No. 2022-16 (*Attached hereto as Annex “A”*), and was subsequently appointed as the PENR Officer on March 24, 2022. As such, the undersigned’s actions to address the issues were only limited during the stated period until to this present.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned respectfully submits the following courses of action that the PENRO-Palawan had undertaken regarding this matter, to wit:

***I. A Completed Staff Work (CSW) was prepared to collate the documents, actions and responses of the DENR-Palawan regarding the reclamation project in Coron, Palawan***

The undersigned caused the preparation of a Completed Staff Work (*Attached hereto as Annex “B”*) on the reclamation project as soon as he was made aware of the issues in Coron. As per record, the reports and actions of DENR-Palawan with regard to the quarrying activities in Coron, Palawan dates back to year 2020.

***II. Preliminary actions by the undersigned in dealing with the illegal cutting of trees in Coron, Palawan***

As a preliminary steps in dealing with the environmental issues in Coron, Palawan, the following actions were taken by the undersigned and it was submitted to the Regional Executive

Director (RED) through a Memorandum dated April 11, 2022 (*Attached hereto as Annex "C"*), viz:

1. Issued PENRO Special Order No. 2022-038, designating a team tasked to conduct investigation on the illegal/unauthorized conduct of quarrying and possible cutting of trees.
2. Issued a memorandum to CENRO Coron dated April 08, 2022 to submit an explanation in writing on their failure to monitor the illegal activities within their AOR.
3. Coordinated with Provincial Mining and Regulatory Board to execute/serve the penalties imposed to BCT for their violations under illegal hauling of earth materials. The BCT Company paid the amount of ₱4,466,000.00 per OR No. 1002967 on March 29, 2022.

### ***III. Creation of Composite Team to investigate and validate the veracity of the alleged illegal cutting of trees***

A PENRO Special Order No. 2022-038 (*Attached hereto as Annex "D"*), dated April 8, 2022, was issued to create a Composite Team primarily tasked to conduct a field investigation regarding the subject issue so as to gather additional information and pieces of evidence that may be used in the resolution of the complaints.

The Composite Team is composed of PENRO, CENRO-Coron, EMB and MGB personnel and was deployed in Coron, Palawan on April 21-23, 2022. The Team is in active coordination with the PENRO during the time of their investigation and their progress is regularly monitored.

### ***IV. Findings of the Composite Team***

The team submitted their investigation report on April 27, 2022, and it was forwarded through a Memorandum to the Regional Executive Director thru the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services last May 2, 2022 (*Attached hereto as Annex "E"*).

Based on the above-mentioned investigation report, the team's significant findings include the following:

- a) The entire area proposed for reclamation is more or less fifty (50) hectares;
- b) Approximately ten (10) hectares were reclaimed sometime in 2009. The area was already utilized for different purposes including market site, the Lualhati Park (boulevard) and some commercial area site;
- c) The remaining forty hectares unreclaimed area was divided into Phase I (17 hectares) and Phase II (23 hectares). Both areas were located at So. Bangcuang, Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan. The Phase I was already filled with more or less 840,000 cu. m. earth materials and would require the same volume of earth materials to attain the desired height. The Phase II has not yet been started;
- d) No cutting of Mangroves was observed by the team during the time of inspection.



***V. Directives were issued to CENRO-Coron to closely monitor any activities in the project sites and to ensure the protection of remaining mangrove stands.***

Per investigation of the Composite Team, it was reported that 17 hectares of the proposed 50 hectares (Phase I and II & 10 has. previously reclaimed) of seashore area in Sitio Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5 was already reclaimed through the Provincial Government of Palawan in coordination with the Local Government Unit of Coron, Palawan.

Moreover, it was also observed by the team that there were mangroves that still thrive or standing firmly along the edge of the land or foreshore area of the 17 hectares reclaimed area.

Therefore, to closely monitor and halt any activities that may lead to further environmental damage, a PENRO Memorandum (*Attached hereto as Annex "F"*), dated May 19, 2022, was issued directing CENRO-Coron, together with MGB and EMB personnel to conduct the following:

1. To ensure the protection of the remaining mangrove stands in the project site;
2. To prevent any operation of mountain quarry activities outside the approved quarry site;
3. To ensure that necessary Area Clearance is secured from DENR before any further reclamation is being conducted.

In addition, a monthly or updated reports must be submitted based on the findings of CENRO-Coron, MGB and EMB personnel.

***VI. Inter-Agency Consultation Meeting in Coron, Palawan***

On May 25, 2022, the undersigned together with other PENRO personnel proceeded to Coron, Palawan to conduct an on-site inspection and to join a consultative meeting RED Lormelyn Claudio, RD Joe Amid, OIC-ARD Maximo Landrito, LPDD Chief Cesar Odi, CENRO Arnoldo Blaza, the undersigned and other DENR-CENRO personnel. The meeting's agenda was to discuss and level-off information on the pressing issues and concerns in Coron, Palawan, specifically the reclamation project, quarry activities, and other developmental projects.

On May 26, 2022, an Inter-agency Consultation Meeting presided by RED Claudio and other DENR Officials and personnel, DPWH, PCSDS-DMD and with participation from stakeholders such as Sagip Coron, 428 Hi-Tech Palawan, and other Local Government officials was conducted on Coron Westown Resort. The undersigned assisted RED Claudio in facilitating the meeting and presented thereon the Matrix of Issues, Concern and Actions to be Taken (*Attached hereto as Annex "G"*) on the environmental issues in Coron. A report by the undersigned on the events that had transpired during their investigation and meeting in Coron was submitted to the RED through a Memorandum, dated June 9, 2022 (*Attached hereto as Annex "H"*).

***VII. Follow-up meetings with PCSDS Executive Director, Atty. T.J. Matta, at the PCSD Office, Puerto Princesa City and the issuance of PRA's Forfeiture Order.***



The undersigned, together with PCSDS Executive Director, Atty. T. J. Matta, PENRO and PCSDS personnel, and with Virtual Zoom attendees, OIC-CENRO Rodney Verian and PCSDS-District Management Office, held a follow-up meeting on June 29, 2022, at the PCSDS Conference Room in Puerto Princesa City.

The meeting centered on the environmental issues and concerns on the Reclamation Project in Coron, which resulted to siltation/sedimentation, allege damages to seagrass and corals, cutting and dumping on mangrove areas within the project public market, quarrying of mountains without permit, construction of coliseums and others. A Memorandum Report dated June 30, 2022, regarding the follow-up meeting was submitted to the Regional Executive Director (*Attached hereto as Annex "I"*).

Relative thereto, it was agreed upon during the meeting the following actions to be undertaken by the DENR-Palawan and PCSDS in addressing the environmental issues and concerns, to wit:

1. Technical personnel of the PCSD, PENRO, CENRO-Coron and Fish Right Divers volunteer to be convened immediately to:
  - Assess the marine area adjacent to the reclamation project and its adjacent areas such as the Siete Picados as far as siltation and water pollution is concerned including water sampling.
  - Survey and assessment of damages of the cut and dumped with land materials mangrove area converted into public market of Coron, Palawan.
  - Survey and assessment of the road constructed within mangrove areas including reclaimed adjacent to Fernvale and area allegedly undertaken by the same.
2. The PENRO and PCSD will jointly issue an Order for the field investigation and assessment of the proposed activities as soon as possible and to be finalized on July 8, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. at the training hall of PCSD for implementation of the aforementioned activities.
3. In the said assessment, not merely the mangrove stand should be valued but it will include the presence of marine wildlife species, aviary, reptilian, shells, crabs, shrimp and other resource goods and services.
4. With regard to the illegal mountain quarrying of materials and the construction of Coron Coliseum, it is requested for a separate group/team to be created along with the Reclamation and Public Market Team.
5. The CENRO of Coron with EMB and MGB representatives will continuously conduct monitoring activities and submit a weekly monitoring report.

Moreover, the undersigned also requested a copy of the alleged Forfeiture Order from the Philippine Reclamation Authority as reported by the Palawan News to serve as the basis of action and report. The Notices of Violation were issued to the Provincial and Municipal Government and to the Fernvale Corporation through their respective contractors/developers as part of the due process before case build-up.





***VIII. Regular field monitoring and constant meetings with concerned DENR Officials were being conducted.***

The undersigned is in continuous supervision with CENRO-Coron to monitor any illegal activities in the reclamation site. As of now, no significant activities were being observed on the subject reclamation sites.

Furthermore, constant meetings with the concerned DENR Officials were being conducted to discuss the updates on the environmental issues in Coron, Palawan, the legal sanctions to be imposed to the violators, and the introduction of stringent measures that will ensure the protection of the remaining mangrove stands.

For information and record.

  
FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

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PENRO-RECORDS  
**RELEASED**  
By:   
Date: 05 JUL 2022 IN 22-1414



Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Tel. No. 929-66-26

SPECIAL ORDER  
No. 2022- 16

JAN 07 2022

**SUBJECT : ASSIGNMENT/DESIGNATION OF SOME PENR OFFICERS AND CENR OFFICERS IN DENR REGIONS IVA AND IVB**

In the interest of the service, the following officials are hereby assigned/designated, as follows:

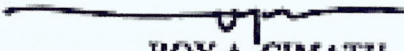
NAME OF OFFICIAL	ASSIGNMENT/DESIGNATION
PENRO Eriberto B. Sarios	PENR Officer, Laguna
DMO V Felizardo B. Cayatoc	OIC PENRO, Palawan
CENRO Raymond A. Rivera	OIC PENRO Quezon
Supervising ECOMS Cyril A. Coliflores	OIC CENRO, Tayabas, Quezon

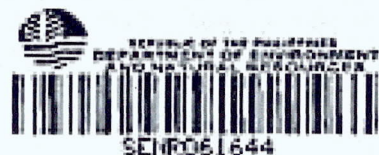
As such, they shall perform the duties and responsibilities of the position, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations, except personnel movement and policy-related matters. They shall be entitled to claim Representation and Transportation Allowances and other emoluments appurtenant to their herein assignment/designation, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Henceforth, PENRO Ronilo L. Salac shall report to the Office of the Regional Executive Director, DENR Region IVA, for work assignment.

They shall inform the undersigned in writing, through the Human Resource Development Service, of their compliance herewith.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
ROY A. CIMATU  
Secretary







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**COMPLETED STAFF WORK (CSW) ON THE MOUNTAIN QUARRYING  
IN BARANGAY DECALACHAO, CORON PALAWAN**

- August 19, 2020 -Resolution No. 025-2020 of Barangay Council of Decalachao, Coron, Palawan entitled "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HON. GOVERNOR OF PALAWAN JOSE CH ALVAREZ THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL MINING AND REGULATORY BOARD (PMRB), THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND ITS ATTACHED SECTORS SUCH AS BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE (BPR), FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAUS (FMB), THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CORON, PALAWAN, HON MAYOR MARJO T. REYES JR., VICE MAYOR ASEAN PALANCA AND SANGGUNIAN BAYAN MEMBERS TO HELP BARANGAY DECALACHAO FOR SITE OF HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION AND OTHER BARANGAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT"
- November 27, 2020 - Investigation Report on the alleged illegal quarry operations at the mountain side of Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan for the purpose of the Busuanga Airport Expansion Project
- No ECC and Quarry Permit
  - The team's finding disclosed that the quarry operation is on going
  - The recommends to call for a technical conference between CAAP And BCT
  - To endorse the subject matter to DENR FMB, DENR EMB, DENR MGB for issuance of particular notices
- December 02, 2020 -MEMORANDUM from the PENRO to The Regional Executive Director and The Regional Director MGB transmitting the investigation report
- January 07, 2021 -MEMORANDUM from the Director, MGB, MIMAROPA referring the 8888 Citizens Complain with Ticket Reference No. SMS-G-20210106-64 dated January 06, 2021 regarding quarrying in the mountains of Coron, Palawan
- January 08, 2021 -MEMORANDUM from PENRO ERIBERTO B SAÑOS to CENRO Coron, Palawan forwarding the 8888 complaint dated January 06, 2021
- January 08, 2021 -Letter to the SECRETARIAT, PMRB-Palawan referring the 8888 complaint with ticket reference number 20210106-8428-64 dated January 06, 2021
- January 19, 2021 -MEMORANDUM from MGB Director Roland de Jesus re 8888 Citizens Complaint with Ticket Reference Number SMS-G-20210118-0682 dated January 18, 2021





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January 22, 2021	-MEMORANDUM from Forester III Ferdinand Gatchalian (CENRO Office In-Charge) to the Regional Executive Director, EMB Regional Director and MGB Director informing them that an investigation report Was already submitted
January 25, 2021	-MEMORANDUM from the PENRO, DENR Palawan to CENRO CORON, Palawan referring the memorandum dated January 19, 2021
January 28, 2021	-Letter of PENRO ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS to the Secretariat ,PMRB forwarding the report of CENRO Coron dated January 22, 2021
October8, 2021	- Report of PMRB NGO Representative regarding the Cease and Desist Order by Regional Director in the Mountain Quarry by BCT Construction
October 15, 2021	PMRB Resolution No. 75-2021 Imposing penalty against BCT Trading and Construction (Now One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation) and its Joint-Venture Partner International Builders Corporation for unauthorized hauling of ordinary earth materials/backfilling materials from Bgy Decalachao and Sitio Tubatan, Coron, Palawan
October 25, 2021	-MEMORANDUM from MGB and EMB embedded personnel submitting their investigation report in response to an information received regarding the on-going quarry operation
October 26, 2021	-MEMORANDUM OF CENRO ARNOLDO BLAZA forwarding the inspection report dated October 19, 2021 regarding the illegal mountain quarry activity of BCT Trading and Construction within the area of Busuanga Pasture reserve (BPR) located at Decalachao, Coron, Palawan
November 9, 2021	-Letter from BCT Construction in response to MGB letter dated October 28, 2021
November 11, 2021	-Letter of PENRO ROBERTO B SAÑOS to the Secretariat, PMRB Palawan forwarding the memorandum dated October 26, 2021 of CENRO Coron
November 15, 2021	-MEMORANDUM from PENRO ERIBERTO SAÑOS to the Regional Executive Director forwarding the letter dated November 09, 2021 from BCT Construction
February 22, 2022	Letter from Ms. Gillian Atienza, PMRB Board Secretary , furnishing BCT Trading with a copy of the Board Resolution No. 75, Series of 2021 and demanding for the payment of penalty amounting to P4,466,000.00
March 29, 2022	Order of payment for BCT Trading to pay the amount of P4,466.00





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March 31, 2022	MEMORANDUM FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR To conduct investigation on the alleged illegal cutting of trees in Coron, Palawan
April 08, 2022	MEMORANDUM FROM PENRO PALAWAN TO CENRO CORON To conduct investigation on the alleged illegal cutting of trees in Coron Palawan and to submit an explanation why no Order/document was issued by the Office on the aforesaid illegal cutting of trees and mangrove
April 08, 2022	PENRO Special Order No. 2022-038 – Creation of Composite Team tasked to investigate and validate the alleged illegal cutting of trees in Coron, Palawan
April 11, 2022	MEMORANDUM FROM PENRO PALAWAN FOR THE RED RE: Actions taken on the alleged tree cutting and mountain quarrying

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## APPENDIX – A

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Palawan  
Municipality of Coron  
**BARANGAY DECALACHAO**

Excerpts from the minutes and proceedings of the regular session of Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan held on August 19, 2020 at 9:00am at the Barangay Hall.

Present :	Hon. Franklin F. Usoracion	-	Punong Barangay/Presiding
	Hon. Ronie D. Calvo, Sr.	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Philip A. Dalanos	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Cristina R. Castro	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Erlito B. Labadan	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Felomino R. Ombahin, Jr.	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Angela D. Torres	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Jonathan S. Roxas	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Janssen Jade G. Frias	-	SK Chairman
	Hon. Albert D. Torres	-	IPMR

### RESOLUTION No. 025-2020

**A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE HON. GOVERNOR OF PALAWAN JOSE CH ALVAREZ THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD (PMRB), THE DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND ITS ATTACHED SECTORS SUCH AS BUREAU OF PASTURE RESERVE (BPR), FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU (FMB), THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CORON, PALAWAN, HON. MAYOR MARIO T. REYES, JR., VICE MAYOR ASEAN PALANCA AND SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS TO HELP BARANGAY DECALACHAO TO FLATTEN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREA CLAIMED BY BARANGAY DECALACHAO FOR SITE OF HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION AND OTHER BARANGAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

WHEREAS, there is a certain area of Barangay Decalachao which has been claimed by the Barangay purposely for site/location of future expansion of Decalachao High School and other Barangay infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, the area is mountainous and hilly and needs to be flattened in order to be used by the barangay;

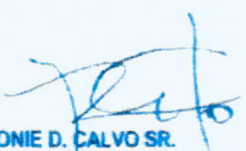
WHEREAS, mountain quarry materials has been extracted from the area when the Francisco Reyes Airport and the concreting of Decalachao Road has been constructed;

WHEREAS, the Barangay through its Punong Barangay has verbally requested the BCT Construction Company to flatten the area and has agreed to do so;


WHEREAS, the BCT Construction Company in relation to the request of Barangay has advised the Punong Barangay to coordinate with concerned Government Offices in-charge for such activities and programs;




FORME:


  
RONIE D. CALVO SR.  
Sangguniang Barangay Member

  
PHILIP A. DALONOS  
Sangguniang Barangay Member

  
CRISTINA R. CASTRO  
Sangguniang Barangay Member

  
ERLITO B. LABADAN  
Sangguniang Barangay Member

  
FILOMENO R. OMBAHIN JR.  
Sangguniang Barangay Member

  
ANGELO D. TORRES  
Sangguniang Barangay Member

  
JONATHAN S. ROXAS  
Sangguniang Barangay Member

  
ALBERT D. TORRES  
IPMR Representative

SIGNED:

  
FRANKLIN B. USORFACION  
Punong Barangay



Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region  
Community Environment and Natural Resources  
Coron Palawan

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE DENR@8888.GOV.PH

FROM : THE CENRO  
Calamianes Island  
Brgy. Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION REPORT TO THE ALLEGED  
ILLEGAL QUARRY OPERATION AT THE  
MOUNTAIN SIDE OF SITIO KUAY, BRGY.  
DECALACHAO, CORON, PALAWAN FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF THE BUSUANGA AIRPORT  
EXPANSION PROJECT

DATE : November 27, 2020

This pertains to the complaint from a concerned citizen through the citizen complaint hotline 8888, ticket no. SMS-G-20201125-827-7 dated November 25, 2020 and received by this office on November 26, 2020.

Please be informed that on November 27, 2020, around 10:00 am, personnel from this office conducted immediate investigation regarding the alleged quarry operation at the mountain side near Busuanga Airport.

Please be informed also that below are the findings and observation of our personnel during the investigation.

*Below are the findings and observation at the time of inspection/investigation:*

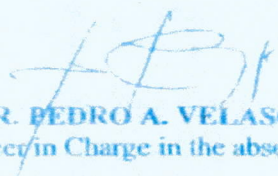
1. The complaint area is located at the So. Kuay, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan where it was situated inside the property line of Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) which have an agreement to the DENR FMB because the land is under the Busuanga Pasture Reserve which is managed and supervised by the DENR Forest Management Bureau (FMB).
2. There was an actual quarrying activity on the area, we found heavy equipment's that is operating on the area, according to the operator of the dump truck which doesn't want to give his name, their company is the BCT Construction Inc. and in partnership with the International Builders Corporation (IBC) they are the primary contractors for the "Construction of Runway Embankment at Francisco B. Reyes Busuanga Airport".
3. BCT Constuction Inc. in partnership to International Builders Corporation (IBC) are the one operates to the mountain side of Sitio Kuay, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan for the Busuanga Airport expansion project.



5. The Francisco B Reyes Airport expansion project was a project of the Department of Transportation.
6. The quarry operation of the BCT Construction at the mountain of Sitio Kuay, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan doesn't have an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and doesn't have clearance from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau of DENR.
7. As per visual inspection on the area, it was estimated more or less 5 hectares that was already excavated by the BCT Construction.

ACTION BY THE OFFICE:

1. We will write a letter to the CAAP Manager, CEO of BCT Construction and International Builders Construction (IBC) together with the concerned agencies such as PCSDS, PMRB, LGU Mayors Office, Barangay Captain of Decalachao, Bureau of Animal Industry, BPR and Sangunian Bayan Committee on Environment for a technical conference, so we can hear the proponents side and as part of the due process. The Technical Conference will be scheduled on December 1, 2020; Tuesday around 9:00 am at the DENR CENRO Calamian Compound, SIKANGAY Hall.
2. Upon result of the Technical Conference, we will endorse also this concern to the DENR FMB, DENR FMB and DENR MGB for prior notices that they issued if the proponent proven no legal documents from the respective offices.

  
FOR. PEDRO A. VELASCO  
DMO IV, Officer in Charge in the absence of the CENRO





Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region  
Community Environment and Natural Resources  
Coron Palawan

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** **THE OIC CENRO**  
Brgy. Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan

**FROM :** **THE UNDERSIGNED**  
Brgy. Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan

**SUBJECT :** **INVESTIGATION REPORT TO THE ALLEGED  
ILLEGAL QUARRY OPERATION AT THE  
MOUNTAIN SIDE OF BRGY. DECALACHAO,  
CORON, PALAWAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE  
BUSUANGA AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT**

**DATE :** November 27, 2020

This pertains to the complaint from a concerned citizen through the citizen complaint hotline 8888, ticket no. SMS-G-20201125-827-7 dated November 25, 2020 and received by this office on November 26, 2020.

Please be informed that on November 27, 2020, around 10:00 am, the team from the DENR CENRO Coron composed of Engr. Mark Angelo Rogel, DENR EMB Embedded, and Mr. Richard Glagate and Mr. Ibrahim Factuar both DENR FMB personnel proceeded to the area near to the Busuanga Airport where according complaint there were an illegal quarrying operation.

Below are the findings and observation at the time of inspection/investigation:

1. The complaint area is located at the So. Kuay, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan where it was situated inside the property line of Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) which have an agreement to the DENR FMB because the land is under the Busuanga Pasture Reserve which is managed and supervised by the DENR Forest Management Bureau (FMB).
2. There was an actual quarrying activity on the area, we found heavy equipment's that is operating on the area, according to the operator of the dump truck which doesn't want to give his name, their company is the BCT Construction Inc. and in partnership with the International Builders Corporation (IBC) they are the primary contractors for the "Construction of Runway Embankment at Francisco B. Reyes Busuanga Airport".
3. BCT Constuction Inc. in partnership to International Builders Corporation (IBC) are the one operates to the mountain side of Sitio Kuay, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan for the Busuanga Airport expansion project.
4. Upon arrival to the Contractors bunkhouse near the airport, only the IBC



5. The Francisco B Reyes Airport expansion project was a project of the Department of Transportation.
6. The quarry operation of the BCT Construction at the mountain of Sitio Kuay, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan doesn't have an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and doesn't have clearance from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau of DENR.
7. As per visual inspection on the area, it was estimated more or less 5 hectares that was already excavated by the BCT Construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

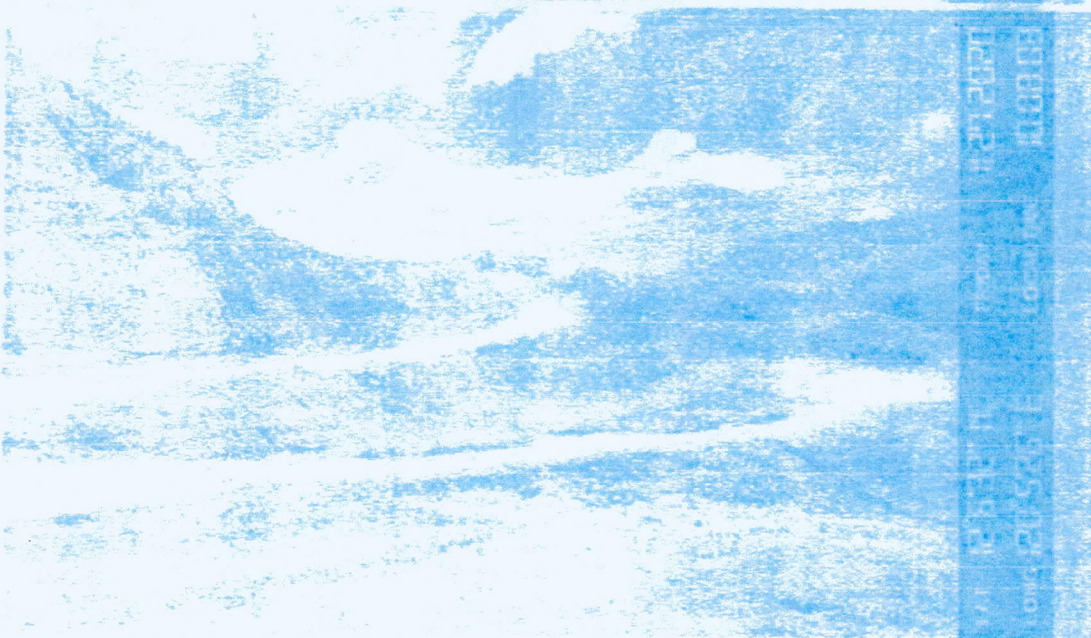
1. It is recommended to the CENRO to invite the BCT Construction, IBC and the CAAP Manager for a technical conference, so they can explain their side to office of the CENRO regarding the quarry operation at sitio. Kuay, Decalachao, Coron, Palawan as soon as possible, as part also of the due process.
2. To endorse to the DENR FMB, DENR EMB and DENR MGB so this concerned bureau can issue also a particular notice to the proponent or contractor that is operating at the site.

  
ENGR. MARK ANGELOR ROGEL  
EMB EMBEDDED, DENR CENRO CALAMIANES

MR. RICHARD GALAGATE  
DENR FMB, Project Control Operation Officer, BPRMO



INSPECTION PHOTOS





**Fw: Ticket No.: SMS-G-20201125-827-7 / 1st indorsement / Environmental Practices**

1 message

**Regional Office** <denr8888mimaropa@yahoo.com>  
To: "cenrocoroni@denr.gov.ph" <cenrocoroni@denr.gov.ph>

Thu, Nov 26, 2020 at 8:55 AM

For action please.

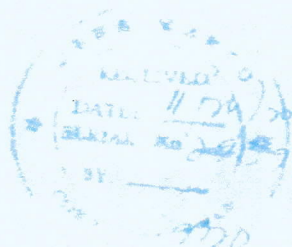
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— Forwarded Message —

**From:** 8888 DENR <

**To:** "cenrocoroni@denr.gov.ph" <cenrocoroni@denr.gov.ph>

**Cc:** "denr8888mimaropa@yahoo.com" <denr8888mimaropa@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 November 2020, 10:03:47 am GMT+8

**Subject:** Fwd: Ticket No. SMS-G-20201125-827-7 / 1st indorsement / Environmental Practices

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Relayed is ticket No. SMS-G-20201125-827-7 for reply within 72 hours with concrete and specific action pursuant to Section 5, EO No. 6. Thank you.

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**From:** "complaint8888" <complaint8888@denr.gov.ph>

**To:** "denr" <denr@denr.gov.ph>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2020 8:47:53 AM

**Subject:** Ticket No. SMS-G-20201125-827-7 / 1st indorsement / Environmental Practices

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 6<sup>1</sup>, s. 2016, may we respectfully transmit the following concern received through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline.  
Please see attached PDF.

Thank you

**SMS-G-20201125-827-7.pdf**  
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### 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline

Ticket Reference Number: SMS-G-20201125-827-7  
Status: Ticket endorsed  
Head of Agency: N/A  
Agency: Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Agency Address: N/A  
Attention (Focal Person): Maria Matilda A. Gaddi

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 67, s. 2016, may we respectfully transmit the following concern received through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline:

Date: 25 November 2020  
Name of Caller: N/A  
Address: N/A  
Contact Details: N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
Nature of call: Environmental Practices  
Subject: Concern Regarding Illegal Quarrying in Coron  
Details:

"ANG ILIGAL N PAG QUARY NG MGA RUNDOK S CORON AIRPORT NAGSASANHI NG MALAKING PAGBAHA KAMAKAILAN NG AT PAGKATUYO NAMAN NG 2BIG PAG TAG ARAW TAMA PO BANG GIBAIN ANG KABUNDUKAN NG CORON UPANG ITAMBAK S GAGAWING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT"

Note: This concern has been lodged through 8888 SMS

Please be reminded of Section 5 of EO No. 6, which states that "a citizen's concern lodged through any of the communication channels shall have a concrete and specific action within 72 hours from the receipt of the concern by the proper government agency or instrumentality".

Kindly send your reply directly to the concerned person/entity, copy furnished [complaints@8888.gov.ph](mailto:complaints@8888.gov.ph) on any action/s taken, citing the above ticket reference number. Thank you very much.

[ "Institutionalizing the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline and Establishing the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center", under the direction and supervision of the Office of the Executive Secretary

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Republic of the Philippines  
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MIMAROPA REGION  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

December 2, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The **DENR@8888.GOV.PH**

**THRU :** 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 :** **INVESTIGATION REPORT TO THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL  
QUARRY OPERATION AT THE MOUNTAIN SIDE OF SITIO  
KUAY, BRGY. DECALACHAO, CORON, PALAWAN FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF THE BUSUANGE AIRPORT EXPANSION  
PROJECT**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated November 27, 2020 of CENRO Coron transmitting the investigation report of their personnel who conducted the investigation related to the complaint from a concerned citizen through the citizen complaint hotline 8888 ticket No. SMS-G-20201125-827-7 dated November 25, 2020 regarding the above subject.

For your information and further instructions.

  
**ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS, CESE**

Copy furnished:  
**The PMRB**

Bgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan  
Telfax No. (048) 433-5638  
Email add: penropalawan@denr.gov.ph





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Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU**  
**MIMAROPA Region**

10th Floor Building, 11th Rockwell Boulevard, Ermita, Manila  
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Email: regional@denr.gov.ph



07 January 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** THE PENRO AND  
CONCURRENT ACTING PMRB CHAIRPERSON  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City  
Province of Palawan

**FROM** THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
This Office

**SUBJECT** 8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: ALLEGED  
ILLEGAL QUARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF  
CORON, PALAWAN

01-07-2021 01-01-2021

This refers to the attached copy of the 8888 Citizens Complaint with Ticket Reference Number SMS-G-20210106-828-64 dated 06 January 2021 regarding the above subject.

In this regard, please conduct a site investigation and render appropriate actions to address the alleged illegal quarrying activities in the subject area. You may seek technical assistance from our embedded personnel assigned in the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Taytay in this undertaking.

For appropriate action:

ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESO V

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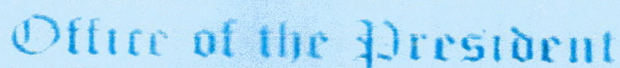
- cc: The DENR Action Center/Hotline  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Asean Ave., Palayan, Quezon City
- cc: Local Partners & Stakeholders (Municipal, IL, 10100-000-64)
- The Regional Executive Director  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region

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8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline





Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**MIMAROPA Region**  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

January 08, 2021

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MEMORANDUM

TO : The OIC Community Environment  
and Natural Resources Officer  
Coron, Palawan

FROM : The Provincial Environment  
and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: ALLEGED ILLEGAL  
QUARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON, PALAWAN**

Furnished to you is the 8888 citizens complaint on the alleged illegal quarrying in the mountains of Coron, Palawan. The complaint alleges that

1. "kalahati ng bundok ang nasira na"
2. "natutuyo na din uni uni and pinagkukunan ng tubig"
3. "patuloy ang pagkasira ng kalikasan at maraming puno ang nasira kaya konting ulan baha na agad"
4. "alam nan g taga DENR d2 ... "sy ng mga driver pag pumunta and DENR d2 namamasko lang daw po sila"

While the matter on illegal quarry activities was also referred to PMRB for their investigation, this matter also calls for your attention

Please validate the allegations and act accordingly in your level. This matter being an 8888 complaint is requested to be acted upon immediately.

Submit a progress report on this case as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

"For the PENRO"

  
**JOHNNY P. LILANG**

OIC Chief, Technical Services Division  
In Charge, Office of the PENRO

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**MIMAROPA Region**  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

January 08, 2021

The Secretariat  
Provincial Mining and Regulatory Board  
Provincial Capitol of Palawan

Dear Sir/Madam,

May we refer to you the herein 8888 citizens complaint with ticket reference numbers-G-20210106-828-64 dated January 06, 2021 on the alleged illegal quarrying in the mountains of Coron, Palawan. A copy of the complaint had been emailed to CENRO Coron for information.

Please include this in the agenda of your next meeting and to conduct investigation on the alleged illegal mountain quarrying. As instructed by the Regional Director of MGB, you may seek the assistance of the MGB embedded personnel assigned in CENRO Taytay, Palawan.

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Very truly yours,

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The DENR Action center/Hotline - denr@8888.gov.ph  
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DENR CENRO Coron, Palawan  
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19 January 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE PENRO AND  
CONCURRENT ACTING PMRB CHAIRPERSON  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City  
Province of Palawan

ATTN : THE CENRO  
Coron, Palawan

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
This Office

SUBJECT : 8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: FOLLOW-UP  
COMPLAINT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL  
QUARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON,  
PALAWAN

This refers to the attached copy of the 8888 Citizens Complaint with Ticket Reference Number SMS-G-20210118-96-82 dated 18 January 2021 regarding the above subject.

Please be informed that on 11 January 2021, this Office received a Memorandum from Mr. Ferdinand C. Gatchalian, OIC-CENRO Coron, informing that the same complaint as per 8888 Ticket Reference No. SMS-G-20202225-827-7 was investigated by the technical personnel of CENRO-Coron. Attached on the said Memorandum is a copy of the investigation report dated 27 November 2020 for reference.

Based on the said investigation report, a technical conference will be facilitated by CENRO-Coron on 01 December 2021 at the DENR CENRO Calamian Compound, SIKANGAY Hall with the concerned parties as part of due process.

Hence, we are requesting for a copy of the report during the technical conference as well as other actions taken by your Office regarding the matter for us to properly evaluate and address the above complaint.

For appropriate action

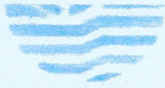
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MIMAROPA REGION  
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Coron, Palawan

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE REGIONAL OFFICE DENR 8888  
Manila

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DENR MIMAROPA  
Roxas Blvd, Manila

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
MGB MIMAROPA  
Roxas Blvd, Manila

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
EMB MIMAROPA  
Roxas Blvd, Manila

THE PENRO  
Concurrent PMRB Chairperson

FROM : THE CENRO  
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : 8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: FOLLOW UP  
COMPLAINT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL  
QUARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON,  
PALAWAN

DATE : January 22, 2021

This pertains to the memorandum from the Regional Director of Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB-MIMAROPA) to the PENRO Palawan and from the DENR Office 8888 hotline re: the 8888 Citizens complaint with ticket Reference number SMS-G-20210118-96-82 dated January 2021 of the above noted subject.

Please be informed that on December 2, 2020, this office conducted a technical conference attended by the BCT Construction Inc: the proponent on the quarry operation at Sitio Pamatpatan, Inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan and also with the concerned offices such as CAAP, PMRB, Barangay, BAI (Bureau of Animal Industry), DENR FMB-BPR and EMB.

DATE	1-20-21
TIME	10:30 AM
LOCATION	Palawan
ATTENDEES	DENR 8888, CAAP, PMRB, BAI, DENR FMB-BPR and EMB
DATE	1-20-21

Below are the outcomes of the technical conference:

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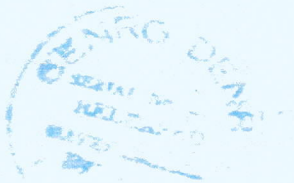
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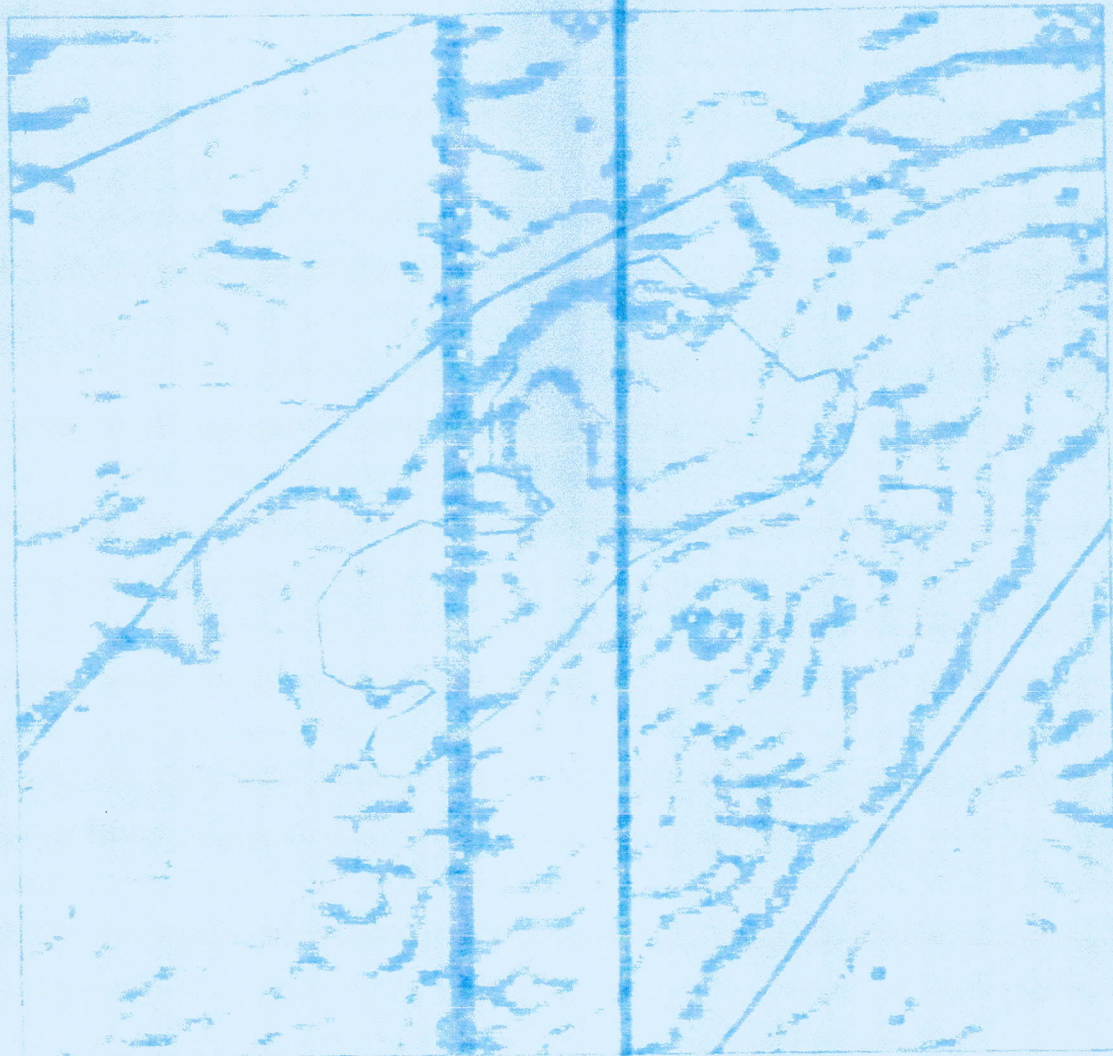
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For and in the absence of the OIC CENRO

FOR. FERDINAND GATCHALIAN  
Forester III  
(In-charge, Office of the CENRO)



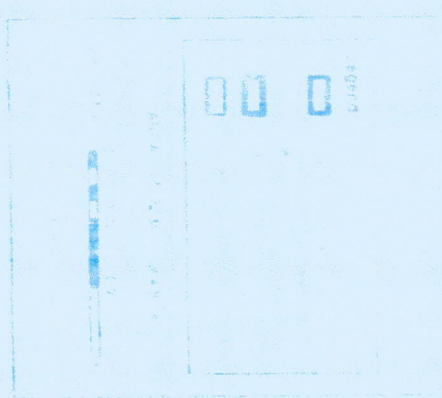




The Study Area



LOCATION MAP  
SHOWING THE STUDY AREA  
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE PENRO  
Coron, Palawan

FROM : THE UNDERSIGNED  
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : 8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: FOLLOW UP  
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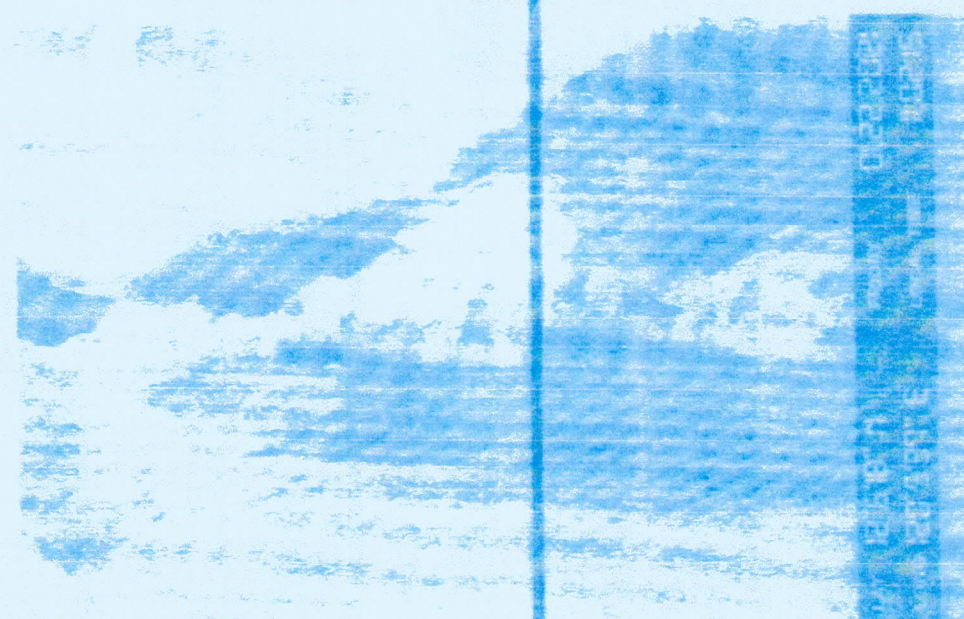
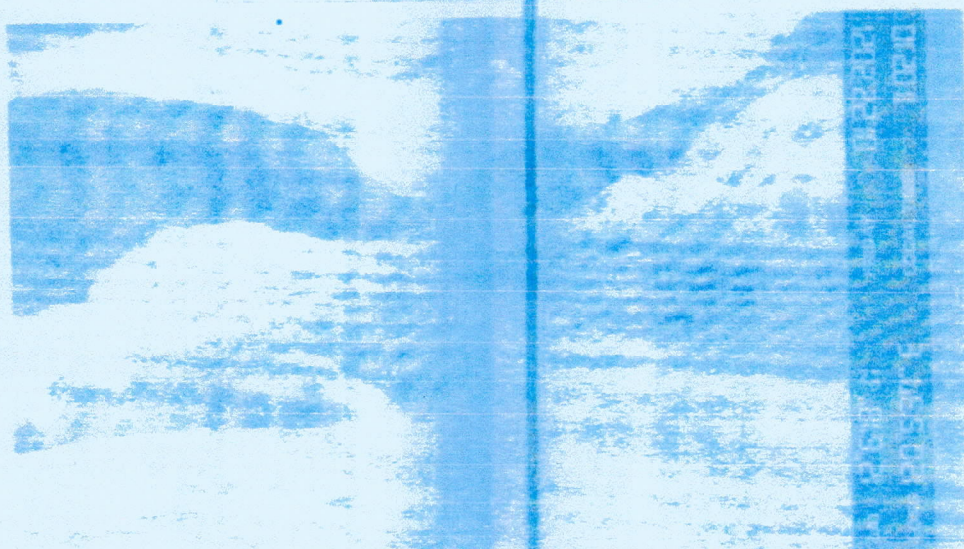
  
ENGR. MARK ANGELO S. ROGEL  
OIC. EMS

  
MR. ELIZALBE SECUNDO  
Forest Technician II

  
MR. HARLAN ILOVINO  
Forest Ranger

  
MR. JULIUS SORREDA  
Forest Ranger







MINUTES OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE REGARDING THE  
ALLEGED QUARRYING AT SITIO SALATPATAN  
BARANGAY DECALACHAO,  
CORON, PALAWAN

Date: December 2, 2020

Time: 1:30 PM

Attendees:

Wilfrando Hizarja, PMRB  
Salvador Manlabao Jr., BAI  
Emmanuel Rodriguez, CAAP  
Mark Angelo Rogel, DENR EMB  
Richard John Galagate, DENR BPR  
Sheena Mae Ponce de Leon, DENR EMB  
Gabriel Mingola Jr., OHP  
Jessie Duazo, BCI  
Arnold Blaza Jr., DENR - OIC, CENRO

The technical conference was started by a prayer lead by Sheena Mae Ponce de Leon and was presided by Mark Angelo Rogel, EMS by giving brief information about the alleged quarrying at Sitio Salatpatan, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

Rogel: Una po natin lingin ang puny ng Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) patungkol sa usapin

Manlabao: Wala pong permiso na mag-quarry sa area maliban kay BCI. Ito po ay verbal agreement lamang.

Galagate: Noong 2015, ang area po ay quarrying site nap o at ito ay mayroon documentation file. Upon expansion ng airport mayroon nag-quarry para sa embankment ng runway ng airport. Ang area po ay napapalook sa BAI based sa technical description ng memorandum of agreement between BAI and DENR. For the knowledge, wala pong request sa opisina ng quarry sa doon sa area, hindi po ako sigurado sa part ng BAI since mayroon rong MOA na, ang labas po kasi parang BAI na ang nag-mamamane ng area.

Rogel: Ang BCI po ang gumagawa ng prosesyon para sa embankment para po doon sa expansion project ng province

Rodriguez: For information po, ang airport manager namin ay nakalacave ngayon. With regards po sa ongoing project ng embankment ng runway, nagstart ito nang mabigyan ng area ang DOI-CAAP thru BAI-DENR ng 300 hectares at ito po ay may fence temporarily. With regards sa contract ng contractors sa ng CAAP ay wala po akong idea kung mayroon po



silang mutual agreement pagdating sa materyales na kailanganin at hindi ko din po masabi kung si CAAP ay may involvement sa quarrying activities sa area.

Rogel: Binibigyang linaw po ni sir Emmanuel Rodriguez na hindi nva po alam ang specific details sa contract ng BCI at DOT-CAAP. Ngayon hingiin natin ang opinion ng PMRB.

Casañero (via call): Ang project ng airport ng pipapafast track ni Governor since ito ay kasama sa Built Built Built ng Province, itong quarry na panambak sa expansion ay accommodation ng PMRB, ito ay ang tulong sa binibigay ng Provincial Government sa CAAP at sa BAI as they are coordinating with the Governor. Aside from that, ang PMRB din ang headman noong mga panahon na nagkaroon ang CAAP at BAI dahil nangugulo ang mga pisante sa pagpapabakod ng perimeter fence sa airport expansion. It was the PMRB Coron who man the area at sa awa ng D'you ay tuloy-tuloy ang pagbabakod at hindi na nagkaroon ng problema. It comes to the quarry materials, accordation ng Provincial quarry materials para sa project na ito though we have records of volume na nakukuha nila sa area.

Rogel: According to Miss Casañero ay may accommodation from province dahil humingi ng tulong si CAAP at BAI kay Governor upon sa area at nagkaroon ng agreement. Hingian ko muna ng output/suggestions an gamit ng CENRO.

CENRO Blaza: Narinig ko na lahat ng site copy at sinabi na din ni PMRB na laagit ang lahat base na din sa request on agreement ng BAI, CAAP at g Contractors. Yung source ng panambak ay may papel. Kailagan natin ng data galing ng PMRB for record purposes ng opisina.

Rogel: Sa atin po sa DENR ay wala po tayong hawak na black-and-white documents kaya medyo mahihirapan po tayong magpaliwanag since verbal agreement po lamang po mayroon sila. Wala din po tayong hawak na approved ECC.

CENRO Blaza: Kaya pinahanap ko itong DOTR folder, makakakuha tayo ng design ng project at records ng PMRB doon sa ginagamit ngayon. Isang area lang ba ang kinukuhaan?

Duazo: Opo isang area lang. Base po sa area ko, gagawin po sana yang housing kasi dati sinubukan na namin iapply for quarry e sabi ng manager dati naming kasusap ng airport mahirap maglingi ng clearance/ recommendation since kukunin pa sa office sa manila kaya sabi nya ganito total kapag kami may kailangan sa inyo naman kami tumatakbo e basta maintain at ayusin nyo nalang ang kalsada papayo, kami total madami naman ang kumuha doon sa area usaka isa may plano sila na parang may plano sila na gumawa ng housing.

CENRO Blaza: Pasok pa din ba ito sa area ng BAI? Mayroon bang propose housing sa area? Mga ilang hectares ito?



**Manlabao:** Opo pasok pa ito sa area sa BAI. Iba't ba mayroon propose na housing ngunit nabago na po ito ngayon.

**Galagate:** More or less 5 hectares po sir.

**CENRO Blaza:** Wala tayong volume, ~~don't~~ mayon sa lawak ng area kapag ito ay lumampas sa 5 hectares sikop na natin ito sa DENR (MGB) pero kapag nasa 4 hectares pababa ito ay sa PMRB.

**Rogel:** Kapag po ba accommodation sir ~~Isa~~ ano po ang binibigay sa inyo ng PMRB?

**Duazo:** Request lang sa kanda pero ~~dahil~~ hindi kami makaapply dahil natin hindi kami mabigyan ni BAI kaya ang sabi sa ~~amin~~ ni PMRB kung okay naman kay BAI, sige bibigyan naming kayo ng accommodation para magpatuloy-tuloy ang trabaho sa airport. Ito po ay verbal lamang ang usapan.

**CENRO Blaza:** Ang saken ay dapat mapaliwanag sa mga tao kung ano at para saan itong project na ito, para malinawan sila kung balit ganito ganyan ang ginagawa sa area.

**Rogel:** Bale po hihingi tayo ng Certification sa PMRB na pinayagan nila at naacommodate nila ang BCT ng magoperate sa area para sa expansion project ng airport. Bale, ito po ay iendorse na naming sa MGB para mapaliwanag sa amin kung ano po ba ang kinilangan na iacure sa mga ganitong project since ang PMRB naman ay under sa umbrella ng MGB. Ito disposition po.

- Request of certification galing kay PMRB kung ilang volume na ang nakuha ni BCT sa area regarding sa expansion project.
- Request kay BAI ng MOA ng BAI ni BCT.
- For CAAP po hihingi tayo ng certification sa itong project na ito ay kasama sa *Built Built Built Project*.
- Sa DENR naman po ay sasukatn ang lugar para magkaroon ng technical description ang area.
- MAsecure ng mga permits/ clearance sa mga concerned offices.

Time Adjourned: 2:05 PM.



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE  
Coron, Palawan

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FOLLOW UP COMPLAINT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL CARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON PALAWAN

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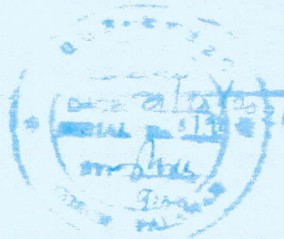






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19 January 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR**

**THE PENRO AND**  
**CONCURRENT ACTING PMRB CHAIRPERSON**  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City  
Province of Palawan

**ATTN**

**THE CENRO**  
Coron, Palawan

**FROM**

**THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
This Office

**SUBJECT**

**8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: FOLLOW-UP**  
**COMPLAINT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL**  
**QUARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON,**  
**PALAWAN**

This refers to the attached copy of the 8888 Citizens Complaint with Ticket Reference Number SMS-G-20210118-96-82 dated 18 January 2021 regarding the above subject.

Please be informed that on 11 January 2021, this Office received a Memorandum from Mr. Ferdinand C. Cutchallan, OIC-CENRO Coron, informing that the same complaint as per 8888 Ticket Reference No. SMS-G-20201225-827-7 was investigated by the technical personnel of CENRO-Coron. Attached on the said Memorandum is a copy of the investigation report dated 27 November 2020 for reference.

Based on the said investigation report, a technical conference will be facilitated by CENRO-Coron on 01 December 2021 at the DENR CENRO Calamian Compound, SIKANGAY Hall with the concerned parties as part of due process.

Hence, we are requesting for a copy of the report during the technical conference as well as other actions taken by your Office regarding the matter for us to properly evaluate and address the above complaint.

For appropriate action.



**ROLAND A. DE JESUS, CESO V**



Encl: As stated

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## Office of the President

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### 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline

Ticket Reference Number	SMS-4-20210118-9632
Status	Ticket entered
Head of Agency	N/A
Agency	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Agency Address	N/A
Attention: Focal Person	Maria Marilda A. Gaddi

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 63, 2011, may we respectfully transmit the following concern received through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline:

Date	8 January 2021
Name of Caller	N/A
Address	N/A
Contact Details	N/A
Subject	Environment - Practices
Details	Concern Regarding Alleged Illegal Quarrying In Coron, Palawan

ANG AKING ILLOG S DENR NGONG PAN GILANG NG S OLARY D2 S AIRPORT AY  
BINIGYANG PANSIN DAHIL ALAM Q N PULIT NG LIT D PARA MAG INSPIKAYON NAIN  
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NAGSU SUPLY NG TUBIG H O RIN ANG DHEAN NG BOLA NG PAGBAHAN NG MALAKI NG  
SKARA NG MGA BAGYO N DAPAY DIN ANG MGA SANA PO AY HGYANG PANSIN PO  
NINAYOK AMI SA ANIAT

Note: This concern has been lodged through 8888-8888.

Please be assured that Section 5 of EO No. 63, which states that "a citizen's concern lodged through any of the communication channels shall have a concrete and specific action within 72 hours from the receipt of the concern by the proper government agency or instrumentality."

Kindly send your reply directly to the concerned government agency copy furnished complainant 8888.gov.ph, or any action's taken citing the above ticket reference number. Thank you very much.





Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA REGION  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

last 11/26/20  
referred to  
CDS  
to EMB

November 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO : CENRO Coron

ATTENTION : Chief Monitoring and Enforcement Unit

FROM : The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : TICKET NO. SMS-G-20201125-827-7  
ILLEGAL QUARRYING

Documents  
Attached : Copy of 8888 Citizen's Complaint

Action Desired:

- ☒ For information and Record  
☐ For investigation comment and recommendation  
☒ For immediate action and report of compliance  
☐ Lacking requirements/ Special instructions

Referred is the above subject. Please for your concrete and specific action pursuant to Section 5, EO No. 6.

DENR DENRO  
PALAWAN REGIONAL OFFICE  
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DATE: 12-01-2020 12-01-2020

ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS, CESE  
DENRO

Copy furnished:

\* DENR-ENRMO  
ENR P. 2020-1671

Dgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan  
Telfax No. (048) 433-5638  
Email add: [denrpalawan@yahoo.com](mailto:denrpalawan@yahoo.com)

Fwd: Ticket No.: SMS-G-20201125-827-7 / 1st indorsement / Environmental Practices

From: 8888 DENR (denr@8888.gov.ph)

To: denr8888palawan@yahoo.com

Cc: denr8888mimaropa@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, 25 November 2020 10:03 am GMT+8

DENR PENANG  
RECEIVED  
11-26-2020 10:03 AM

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Relayed is ticket No.: SMS-G-20201125-827-7 for reply within 72 hours with concrete and specific action pursuant to Section 5, EO No. 6. Thank you.

From: "complaint8888" <complaint8888@malacanang.gov.ph>

To: "denr" <denr@8888.gov.ph>

Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 8:47:53 AM

Subject: Ticket No.: SMS-G-20201125-827-7 / 1st indorsement / Environmental Practices

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 6<sup>1</sup>, s. 2016, may we respectfully transmit the following concern received through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline. Please see attached PDF.

Thank you



SMS-G-20201125-827-7.pdf  
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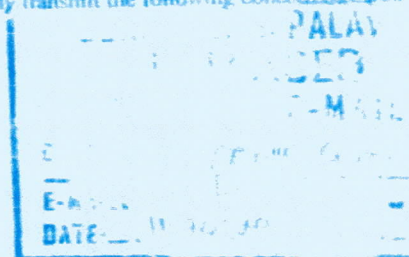
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## 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline

Ticket Reference Number: SMS-G-20201125-827-7  
Status: Ticket endorsed  
Head of Agency: N/A  
Agency: Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Agency Address: N/A  
Attention (Focal Person): Maria Maulda A. Gaddi

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 6<sup>1</sup>, s. 2016, may we respectfully transmit the following concern received through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline:

Date: 25 November 2020  
Name of Caller: N/A  
Address: N/A  
Contact Details: N/A  
Nature of call: Environmental Practices  
Subject: Concern Regarding Illegal Quarrying In Coron  
Details:



"ANG ILIGAL NA PAG QUARY NG MGA BUNDOK S CORON AIRPORT NAGSASANTING NG MALAKING PAGBAHA KAMAKAILAN LING AT PAKATUYO NAMAN NG 2BIG PAG TAG ARAW TAMA PO BANG GIBAIN ANG KABUNDUKAN NG CORON UPANG ITAMBAK S GAGAWING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT"

Note: This concern has been lodged through 8888 SMS.

Please be reminded of Section 5 of EO No. 6, which states that "a citizen's concern lodged through any of the communication channels shall have a concrete and specific action within 72 hours from the receipt of the concern by the proper government agency or instrumentality".

Kindly send your reply directly to the concerned person/entity, copy furnished [complaints@8888.gov.ph](mailto:complaints@8888.gov.ph), on any action/s taken, citing the above ticket reference number. Thank you very much.

<sup>1</sup> "Institutionalizing the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline and Establishing the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center", under the direction and supervision of the Office of the Executive Secretary.

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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA REGION  
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

January 25, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**SUBJECT :** **8888 CITIZENS COMPLAINT RE: FOLLOW-UP  
COMPLAINT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL QUARRYING IN  
THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON, PALAWAN**

Referred is the memorandum dated 19 January 2021 of the Regional Director Roland A. De Jesus, MGB-MIMAROPA with attached pertinent documents related to the above subject.

In this regard, please provide the office of the RD-MGB MIMAROPA of requested copy of the report on the outcome of technical conference facilitated by your office on 01 December 2020 to properly addressed and evaluate the said complaint.

For compliance.

For the PENRO:

**JOHNNY P. LILANG**  
Supervising ECOMS/Chief TSD

RGT/MES  
2021-0450

Bgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan  
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## Office of the President

1000 Executive Drive, Pasay City 1305

### 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline

Ticket Reference Number	SMIS-G-20240118-96-82
Status	Ticket endorsed
Head of Agency	N/A
Agency	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Agency Address	N/A
Attention (Focal Person)	Maria Mailda A. Gaddi

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 61, s. 2016, may we respectfully transmit the following concern received through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline:

Date	18 January 2024
Name of Caller	N/A
Address	N/A
Contact Details	N/A N/A N/A
Nature of call	Environmental Practices
Subject	Concern Regarding Alleged Illegal Quarrying in Coron, Palawan
Details	

"ANG AKING DELOGS DENR NOONG JAN 6 TUNGKOL SA QUARRY D2 SA AIRPORT AY  
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NINYO KAMJ SALAMAT."

Note: This concern has been lodged through 8888 SMS.

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PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

January 28, 2021

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The Secretariat  
Provincial Mining Regulatory Board  
PEO Compound, Brgy. Banca-Banca,  
Puerto Princesa City

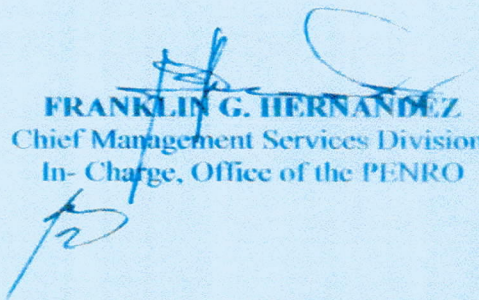
Sir/Madam:

Forwarded herewith is the copy of memorandum report dated January 22, 2021 of CENRO Coron related to the 8888 Citizens complaint Re: "Follow-up complaint on the alleged illegal quarrying in the mountains of Coron, Palawan in connection with the illegal quarrying operation of BCT Construction Inc."

Please include this <sup>in</sup> the agenda of next PMRB meeting for action by the Board.

Thank you and more power.

For the PENRO:

  
**FRANKLIN G. HERNANDEZ**  
Chief Management Services Division  
In-Charge, Office of the PENRO

RGT/MES  
2021-0694

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October 20, 2021

The Secretariat  
Provincial Mining Regulatory Board  
PEO Compound, Brgy. Bancao-Bancao,  
Puerto Princesa City


Sir/Madam:

Forwarded herewith is the report dated 8 October 2021 from PMRB NGO Representative Inocencio C. Magallanes regarding the Cease and Desist Order by the MGB Regional Director related to the Mountain Quarrying Sourced operated by the BCT Construction, Inc. in relative to the construction of Runway embankment at Busuanga Airport Expansion Project.

For the information and perusal of the Board.

Very truly yours,

For the PENRO:

  
**JOHNNY P. LILANG**  
Chief TSD/Supervising ECOMS  
In-Charge office of the PENRO





Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Natural Resources  
Mines and Geo Sciences Bureau  
Provincial Government of Palawan  
*Provincial Mining Regulatory Board*



October 8, 2021

DENR PENRO  
PALAWAN RECORDS  
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For : The PMRB Chairman  
Eriberto Sanos  
Atty. Noel Aquino  
PG ENRO, Governor' Representative

BY *[Signature]*  
DATE *10-16-2021* NO. *24-10287*

From : PMRB NGO Representative

Subject : Submission of Report Regarding the Cease and Desist Order by the  
MGB

Regional Director in the Mountain Quarry Sourced Operated by the BCT  
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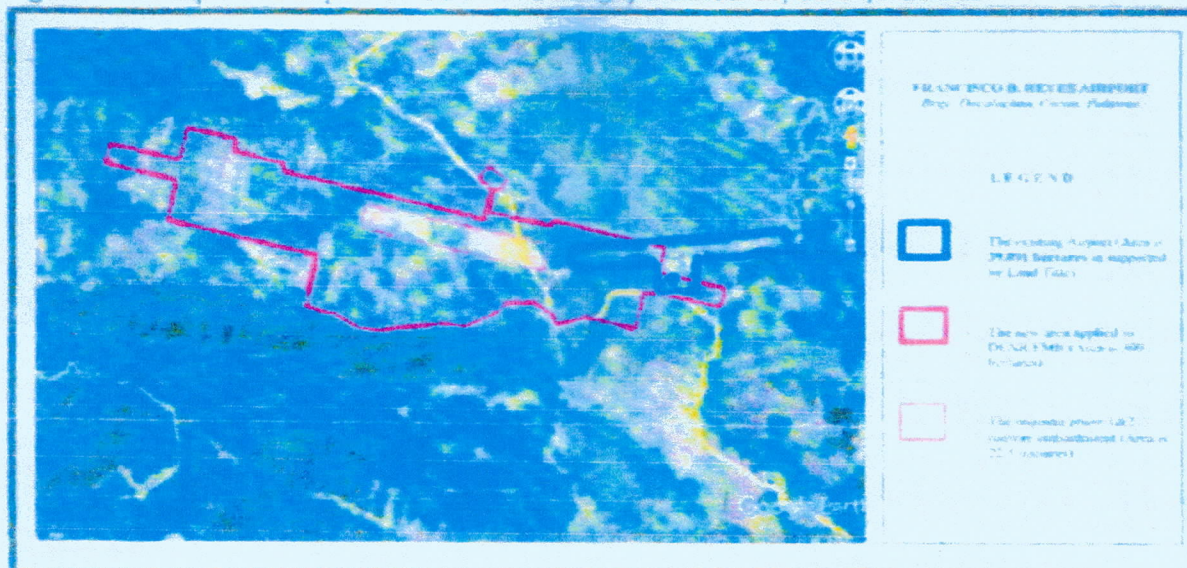
This report pertains to the January 25, 2021 Cease and Desist Order issued by MGB Regional Director Roland A. De Jesus to the BCT Construction, Inc. on the quarrying operation at Sitio Kuay, Mount Delacachao, Coron, Palawan in connection with the complaint sent to 8888 (Office of the President) on November 25, 2020 and a follow up complaint on January 2021 sent to DENR 8888 regarding the illegal mountain quarry operation.

On October 19-23, the members of the Palawan PMRB team led by PENRO Eriberto Sanos conducted an investigation and validation activities in Coron Palawan. Upon arrival in Coron Airport, the team met with the EMB personnel led by Mr. Mark Angelo S. Rogel, then proceed to the expansion embankment area of the airport.

The on-going phase 1 and 2 embankment area where the aggregates have been filled up has an area of at least 22.5 hectares, however the applied area of DOTR CAAP to DENR Forest Management Bureau is about 300 hectares as presented in project map in Figure 1.



Figure 1. The expanded airport of Coron in Barangay Delacachao, Coron, Palawan

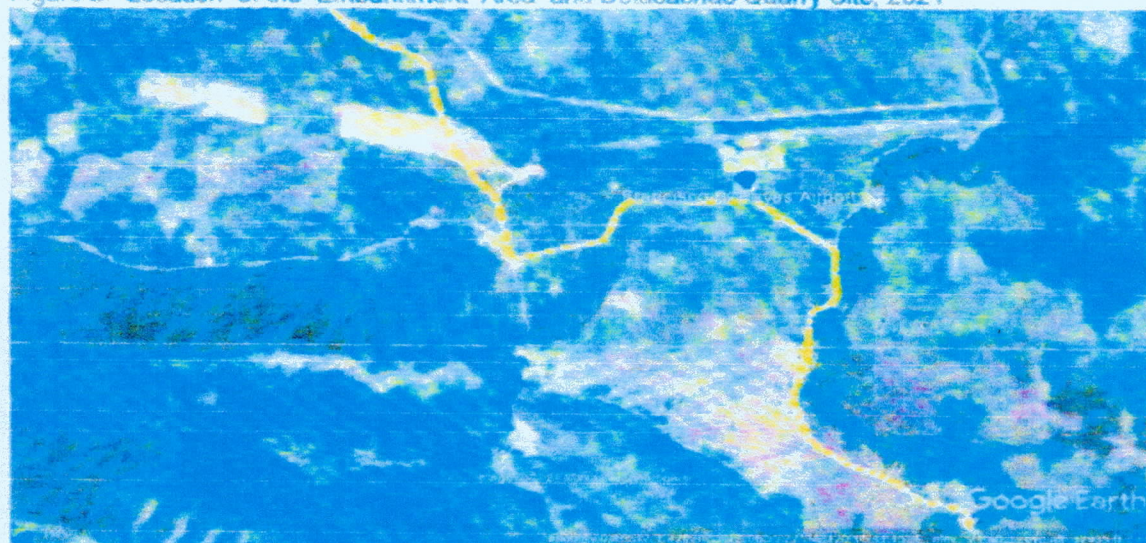


## BACKGROUND

Francisco B. Reyes (Busuanga) Airport is situated in Barangay Delacachao, approximately 24 kilometers away from the town proper of the Municipality of Coron in the Island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan then known as the Yulo Kings Ranch (YKR) airstrip.

Accordingly, the construction of new airport is an expansion project of the DOTR CAAP, however, in the 2008 ECC itself, the area approved is only around 42,104 hectares. In our assessment, it is not the expansion of the existing runway nor connected to the existing runway, hence, this is a new Project that need a new EIA planning, therefore, the Phase 1 & 2 runway embankment is approximately 300 meters distance from the existing airport runway.

Figure 2. Location of the Embankment Area and Delacachao Quarry Site, 2021





### The Phase 1 and 2 Embankment Area

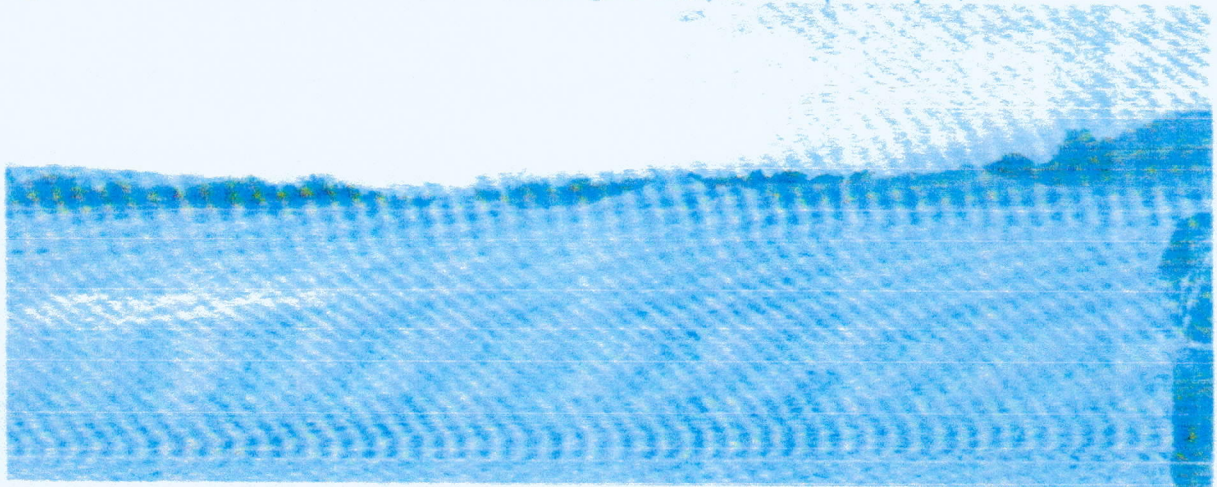
The new construction of embankment area of the airport development is outside of the existing airport of Coron which have been issued an ECC by the DENR in the year 2008. According to the DENR FMB-Bureau of Pasture Reserve (BPR), the ongoing Phases 1 & 2 Project of Busuanga Expansion airport is within the applied 300 hectares which haven't an approved clearance from the DENR FMB.

Figure 3. The PMRB Team within the 22.5 has. embankment area led by PENRO Eriberto Sanos



The ECC conditionalities revealed that if the embankment activities is a new project, no other activities should be undertaken and or other that what was stipulated in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the project, and should there be any expansion beyond the project description or any change of activity, the ECC document as a planning tool for EMP shall be subject to a new Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and or a new IEE study should be immediately conducted.

Figure 4. The embankment area of the Busuanga Development Airport Project, 2021





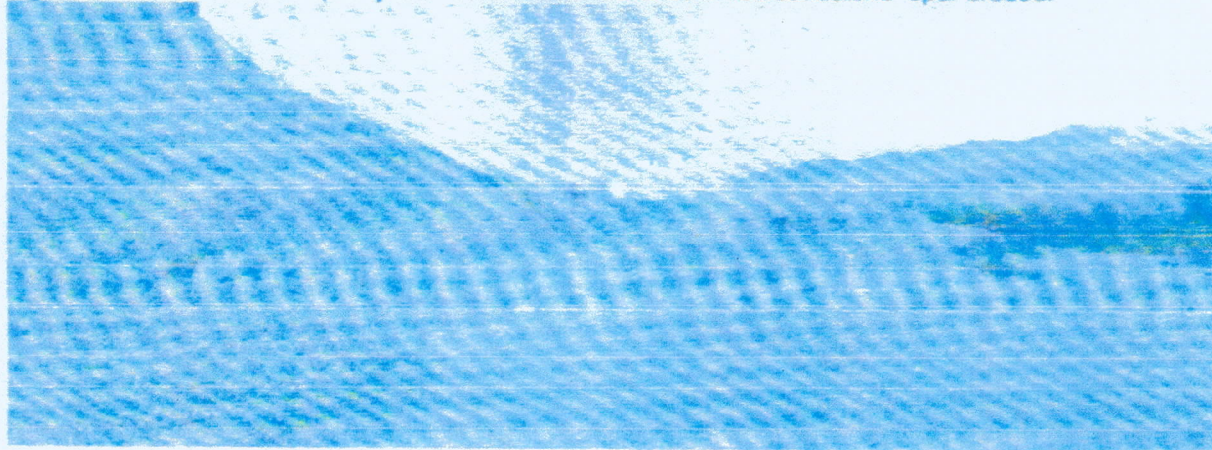
Since this is a national government project, there was still an ongoing negotiation between the DOTR-CAAP and the DENR FMB regarding the area but as of this date, there was no results on the negotiation.

#### **The Mountain Quarry Site in Barangay Delacachao**

The validated mountain quarry operation area was located inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 2013-663, a pasture land of the public domain in Busuanga Island transferring the said land reservation under the jurisdiction and administration to the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the DENR which is strictly prohibited to any form of disposition, exploration and/or exploitation.

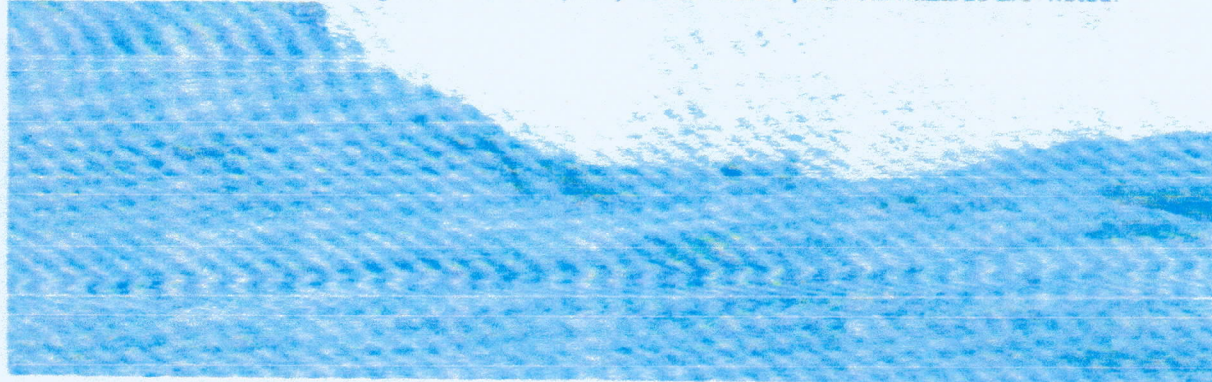
It was validated that the source of the aggregates was located in Mount Delacachao, and that quarry area is approximately 5 kilometers southeast of the airport embarkment site as shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5. The Delacachao quarry site where some benches of red sandstone spar eroded.



The aggregates seems to be a red sandstone or rockery stone spar type (red stone gravel and sand aggregates). The quarry site itself, have developed an irregular benches which found to be in critical slopes, and might provide potential erosion hazards when heavy rain pours. Below on the ground road pad of the quarry area is still surrounded by various species of tree vegetation. The area is mostly treed, except for the active quarrying area, with small and large vegetational trees along with low vegetation density.

Figure 5. The irregular benching status of the quarry area where potential hazards are noted.





It may be recalled that the issued Cease and Desist Order by the MGB Regional Director dated January 25, 2021 advising BCT Construction Inc. to refrain from conducting quarry operations without the necessary mining permit, hence the said order is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate case before a competent court, if found necessary.

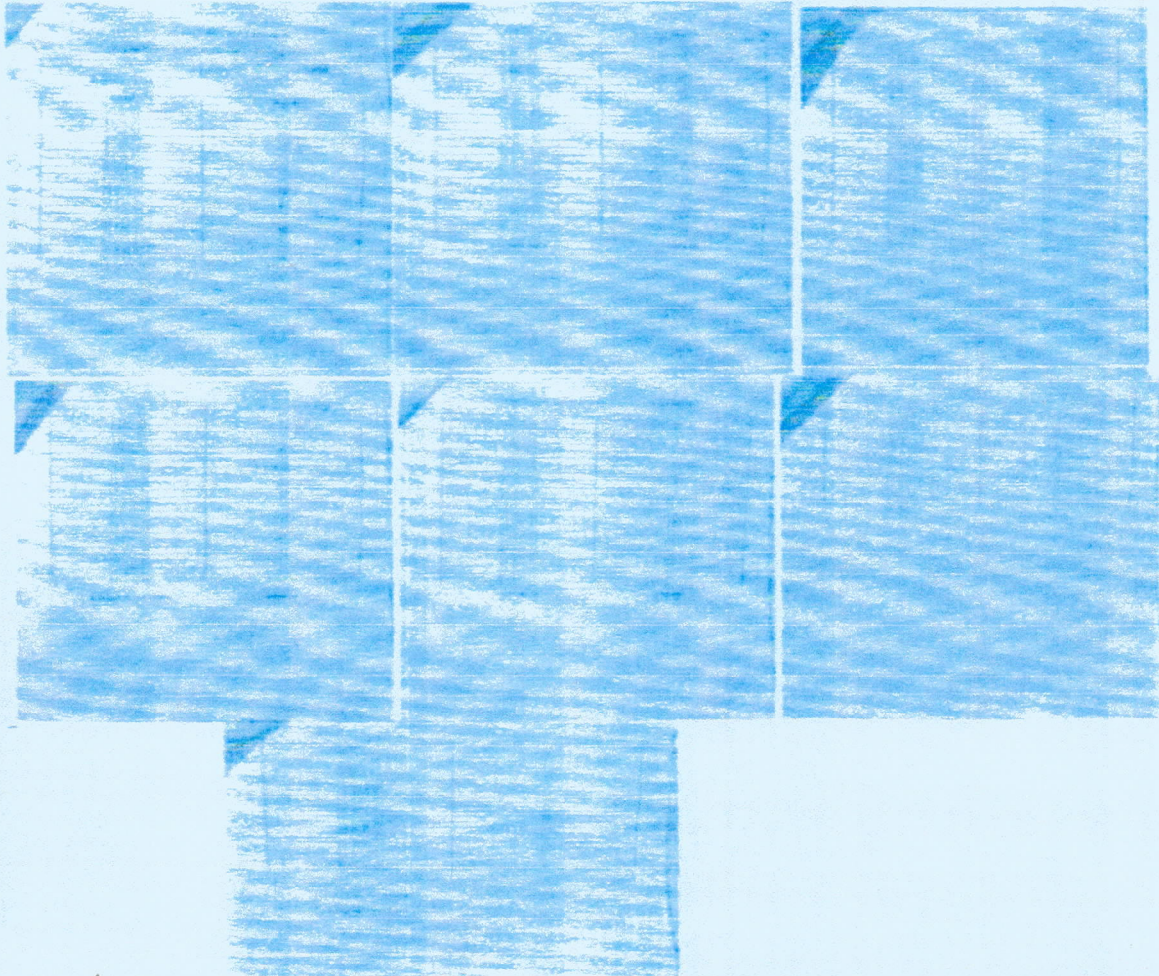
Findings and Observations

**Inconsistent Recording and Documentation of Volume of Aggregates**

The submitted report of aggregates volume by the PMRB Coron monitoring team when it started the hauling of filling materials were from January 30, 2021 to August 30, 2021 is hereby inconsistent with the Cease and Desist Order by Director De Jesus issued on January 25, 2021. Further, the submitted record was not justified by authorized signatures as an official records of the PMRB as it has not been properly recorded because there should be a previous record of tally sheets per hauling trips per truckloads/exact volume

This means that before the issuance of the CDO, there was a missing records and information on the volume of aggregates and an unrecorded and/or unreported hauling trips of aggregates filling materials since the first 8888 citizens complaint starts on November 2020, as presented in Figure 6.

Figure 6. The submitted record hauling trips of filling materials from January 30 to August 30, 2021





Finally, the submitted report by the Coron monitoring team have been totaled to 133,425 cubic meters.

In the letter submitted to PMRB Coron Palawan dated September 22, 2021 by Mr. Gabriel P. Mingua, Jr., the Project In Charge of the BCT Construction, Inc. (100 PERCENT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) states that the said volume required to complete the project would require more or less 50,000 cubic meter, however the actual volume would have mislead the data because the other volume of filling materials were also sourced from the DPWH Road Widening Project as validated by the Palawan PMRB.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Immediate Submission of Actual Volume Bearing Signatures**

The Coron Monitoring Team led by Ms. Maria Theresa Casareno should submit immediately a record since November 2020 to August 30, 2021 bearing her signatures as an official records of the PMRB with a record of tally sheets from the monitoring stations. The records should have been appeared the information on the time and dates per hauling trips/ truckloads/exact volume.

Since that the quarry source in Barangay Delacachao have been illegally operated, and following the standing policy of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) in relation to the quality source of sand and gravel, the exact volume of extracted materials should be economically quantified and that payment of penalties be imposed by the PMRB in favor to the Provincial Government of Palawan through a Board resolution pending the preparation of reports of the monitoring personnel in Coron, Palawan.

### **Rehabilitation Plan**

The immediate rehabilitation activities be conducted in the quarry disturbed area because it may posed adverse impacts to surrounding environment such as pollution to rice paddies and agricultural plants, siltation and erosion to the immediate environment. A rehabilitation plan description and design and phasing of activities should be presented to the PMRB for its final approval.

The current procedure for rehabilitation should be prepared in the standard of best practices in environmental management. The rehabilitation of Delacachao quarry area is critical to ensure sustainable use of land for other purposes after quarrying operations have been conducted illegally. The rehabilitation may include comprehensive provisions to commensurate with the costs of rehabilitation or appropriate and planned end uses as embodied in the Provincial Ordinance 1296-13.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment for New Embankment Runway Standard**

The new EIA to be imposed by DENR to Busuanga Airport Development Project should include provisions that require applications for quarry projects to be screened to ensure that any risks are mitigated at an early stage and that the regulations should at minimum include where the list of the type of projects to EIA would be a mandatory requirement, due to their potential impact on the environment and public health.

Quarrying would be included in the requirement for EIA or IEE to be prepared by a person who does not have a personal, professional, or financial interest in the proposed project or Busuanga Airport Development Project. Requirement for a certification process for EIA



consultants whereby only qualified consultants are authorized to conduct EIAs, and that a specialized review body with responsibility for examining EIAs and ensuring that the reports meet content and quality requirements set out in the Terms of Reference.

#### "No Go" areas

The DENR and the LGU of Coron should introduce regulations that specifically prohibit quarrying within Busuanga Island on the reserve area such as the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR). These "No Go" areas would include protected areas, land reservation or pasture reserve, marine parks declared by the national government and or LGU locally designated protected areas in accordance with the provisions of the Environmentally Critical Areas Network of the Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan Act, RA 7611.

Prepared by:

Inocencio C. Magallanes  
PMRB NGO Representative





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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PALAWAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
*Provincial Mining Regulatory Board*



**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2021, 2:00 PM AT DIAKOPES RESTAURANT, BGY. BANCAO-BANCAO, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY.**

**PRESENT DURING THE MEETING:**

**MR. ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS**  
**ATTY. NOEL E. AQUINO**

**DRA. ESTELA E. DIVINAGRACIA**  
**INOCENCIO MAGALLANES**  
**ROLAND TALABUCON**  
**RICHRISTOPHER C. MAGBANUA**  
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- **Program Director, MGRP**
- **Staff, Technical Secretariat**
- **OIC, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit**

**PMRB RESOLUTION NO. 15 -2021**

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING PENALTY AGAINST BCT TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION (NOW ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) AND ITS JOINT-VENTURE PARTNER INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS CORPORATION FOR AN AUTHORIZED HAULING OF ORDINARY EARTH MATERIALS/BACKFILLING MATERIALS FROM BGY DECALACHAO AND SITIO TUBATAN, CORON, PALAWAN.**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 7942 of the Philippine Mining Act and its implementing rules and regulation strictly prohibits the illegal extraction of minerals or quarrying resources from public and private lands without valid permit;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Mines and Regulatory Board (PMRB) also penalizes the illegal transport of quarry resources including sand and gravel without any existing permit from the board or from any government agency as the case maybe;

**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted by PMRB Coron through its team leader Ms. Ma. Teresa J. Casareno dated October 12, 2021, One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation and its joint venture partner International Builders Corporation had extracted a total of 220,800 cum from Barangay Decalachao, Coron from July 2019 – December 2020, and the same was used in the embankment of Francisco B. Reyes airport in the same municipality;

**WHEREAS**, report from the Enforcement and Monitoring Team in Coron further shows that from January 2021 – August 2021, One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation utilized a total volume of 133,425 cubic meter of backfilling materials taken from the waste of the road widening project, another national government project in Sitio Tubatan, Coron Palawan;



**WHEREAS**, the written explanation/answer from One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation submitted that they simply made use of the ordinary earth and backfilling materials from the land preparation and fastening of a proposed barangay site for schools and other buildings of Barangay Decalachaos that earlier requested help from the Honorable Governor, the DLRM, the municipal government, Forest Management Bureau among others to flatten the proposed site and the request was done through **Barangay Resolution NO. 25-2020**;

**WHEREAS**, One Hundred Percent (100%) Construction and Development Corporation submitted to the Board that the construction of the runway embankment is a project of the National Government under the **Department of Transportation** thru its attached agency the **Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)** and their company is the winning bidder for the phase one (1) of the project;

**WHEREAS**, while it is undisputed that the ordinary earth/mountain quality materials were used in the runway embankment project of Francisco B. Reyes Airport, the responsible company is still liable to pay the fine and penalties appropriate to the volume extracted and hauled;

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon unanimous decision of all the members present resolved as it is hereby resolved to:

- (a) Adopt Section 1.1 of Provincial Ordinance 1398-14 but as a form of penalty and to impose a penalty jointly and solidarily against One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation and its joint venture partner International Builders Corporation broken down as follows:

$$220,800 \text{ cum} \times \text{P}50 \text{ (ordinary earth)} = \text{P}4,416,000.00$$

- (b) Impose a penalty of P50,000 for violating Section 3 of PMRB Resolution No. 018-2010 for the Decalachaos hauling and an additional P50,000 for the Sillo Tubatan backfilling materials source from the road widening project in Sillo Tubatan;

(c) Both Corporations are also ordered to secure the proper Ore Transport Permit (OTP) from the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGSB) prior to any continuation of hauling activities from the two areas mentioned pursuant to Regional Memorandum Order No. 2020-07 dated 29 June 2021 on the Guidelines for the Utilization, Disposition and Transport of Incidental earth materials from government projects;

- (d) Require both companies to secure an ECC for the proposed barangay site before any hauling and/or extraction activity be undertaken;

(e) Require both companies to submit a rehabilitation plan for the Decalachaos Extraction Site to be approved by the BOARD and immediately implement the same in coordination with the CENRO of Coron, the MENRO and the Provincial Mines and Regulatory Board. The local MENRO and CENRO are also directed to regularly monitor the implementation once commenced.



1) To require both companies and the Project Proponent (M. Kuyson Authority of the Philippines (KAP) to secure an appropriate Certification from the Office of the President (OP) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) that the project is part of the Build Build Build (BBB) Program and thus considered an urgent project.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED:

DEA, ESTELA E. DIVINAGRACIA  
Small-Scale Mining Representative

ATTY. NOEL E. AGSINO  
Governor's Representative/  
Vice-Chairman

INOCENCIO MAGALLANES  
NGO Representative

ROLAND TALABUCON  
Permanent Alternate of DENR-PENRO

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing RESOLUTION which was adopted by the PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN during its regular meeting held on 15 October 2021.

GILLIAN M. ATIENZA  
Board Secretary





Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
MIMAROPA Region  
Coron, Palawan

October 25, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The CENR Officer  
Coron, Palawan

**FROM :** THE UNDERSIGNED

**SUBJECT :** INSPECTION REPORT ON THE ILLEGAL MOUNTAIN  
QUARRY ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE BUSUANGA PASTURE  
RESERVE (BPR) AT BRGY. DECALACHAO, CORON,  
PALAWAN

**DOCUMENTS :** 1. Photo Documentation  
**ATTACHED** 2. Location Map of the Quarry Site  
3. Brgy. Resolution



Pursuant to the Travel Order No. 2021-10-14-244 dated October 14, 2021 the undersigned, together with the staffs of Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office (BPRMO) led by Richard John P. Galagate, Project Operations Control Officer, conducted an ocular inspection on October 14, 2021 regarding the abovementioned subject.

**Background Information**

On 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2021, the undersigned received an information regarding the ongoing quarry operation from the BPRMO patrol staffs within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) located at Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

As per records of this office and Provincial Mining Regulatory Board there exist no valid permit within the area covered by BPR at Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

**Purpose and Scope**

The fieldwork aims to validate the veracity of the information relayed to the undersigned. The undertaking includes ocular inspection of the subject area and a dialogue or interview with the operators and Barangay Officials of Decalachao.

**Findings and Observation**

1. The inspection site is located beside the unnamed road going to Brgy. Decalachao. It is accessible by any land transport vehicle from the town proper of Coron via paved



Coron-Busuanga road and unnamed going to the inspection site. Travel time from town proper of Coron to the subject area is approximately 50-60 minutes.

2. On October 14, 2021, the inspection team proceeded to the subject area to conduct ocular inspection and traverse the area to calculate the total area that was excavated. The total area at the top of the mountain that was excavated was less than 1 ha (<1 ha) during the time of inspection.
3. During the ocular inspection, the team observed two (2) backhoe and three (3) 10 wheeler dump truck that was on operation at the time of inspection in the subject area in which instructed to stop operation upon the arrival of the inspection team.
4. The team interviewed the backhoe operator and asked for any legal documents such as Quarry Permit pertaining to their excavation in the area. Unfortunately, he refused to give any information regarding their operation and asked the team to speak with their supervisor in Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) instead. The team instructed the operators and the drivers to stop from further excavation in the area and drive the equipment down the mountain.
5. After the ocular inspection, the team proceeded to Brgy. Decalachao to inform them regarding the inspection and also to gather information for the quarry activity. According to the Brgy. Captain, that the extracted materials in the operation was being utilized for the Airport Expansion Project. Furthermore, the Barangay presented a Barangay Resolution to the team (Annex – A). According to the Barangay Resolution No. 025-2020, the flattening of the mountain was for the site of high school expansion and other barangay infrastructure projects.
6. After the interview of Brgy. Decalachao, the team proceeded to CAAP to interview the supervisor that supervises the activities related to the project. According to Engr. Romar Aguirre, the one who facilitates the quarry operation was BCT Trading and Construction.
7. According to the Forest Management Bureau (FMB)-BPRMO, the quarry activity has no clearance from their office as the office that manages the Busuanga Pasture Reserve. The activities related to the expansion project was ordered to stop from further conducting their activities. According to PMRB – Palawan, the operation does not have a permit and the BCT will just submit their request to the PMRB.
8. As far the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) is concerned, the quarry project is operating without an approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) issued by the EMB – MIMAROPA which in violation to PD 1586 "Operating a Project without an approved ECC".
9. During the plotting of the area inspected to the Google Earth Pro application, it was found out that the quarry site is approximately 140 meters aerial distance from the highway going to the Brgy. Decalachao.
10. During the plotting of the area inspected to the ArcGIS software, it was found out that the subject area is within the area covered by the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR).



### Comments and Recommendations

1. Based on the field findings and observations, the said extraction site was near the highway which is pursuant to Sec. 19.b. of Republic Act No. 7942 also known as "Philippine Mining Act of 1995" and Sec. 15.b.2. of DAO 2010-21 which provides that:

#### **Section 19. Areas Closed to Mining Applications.**

*"b. Near or under public or private buildings, cemeteries, archeological and historic sites, bridges, highways, waterways, railroads, reservoirs, dams or other infrastructure projects, public or private works including plantations or valuable crops, except upon written consent of the government agency or private entity concerned"*

2. The BCT Trading and Construction has no legal personality to extract mountain quarry resources in the area covered by BPR in Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

BCT Trading & Construction should be reminded that extraction of mountain quarry resources is deemed illegal considering that the company has no legal Quarry permit to extract mountain quarry resources during the time of investigation and may constitute to *Theft of Minerals* pursuant to Section 103 of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, which provides that:

*"Section 103. Theft of Minerals. – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of. In the case of associations, partnerships, or corporations, the president and each of the directors thereof shall be responsible for the acts committed by such association, corporation, or partnership."*

3. It is recommended that BCT Trading and Construction to cease and desist from further conducting quarry operation in the area until such necessary Quarry permit is secured from the PMRB and clearances from FMB-BPRMO. The quarry resources extracted in the subject area are categorized under illegally sourced minerals/mineral products. Definition of Illegally sourced mineral/mineral products are provided under Section 116, Chapter XII of DENR Administrative Order 2010-21 which states that:

*"Section 116 – Illegally sourced minerals/mineral products are those which are mined, extracted, removed and/or disposed of without the authority or permit under existing mining laws, rules and regulations."*

4. The BCT Trading & Construction can also independently apply for a quarry permit, as a private company pursuant to Section 71 of the same DAO:

*"Any Qualified Person may apply for a Quarry Permit with the Provincial Governor/City Mayor through the Provincial/City Mining Regulatory Board for the extraction, removal and disposition of quarry resources covering an*



*area of not more than five (5) hectares, and a production rate of not more than fifty thousand (50,000) tons annually and/or whose project cost is not more than Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00), for a term of five (5) years from the date of issuance thereof, renewable for like period but not to exceed a total term of twenty-five (25) years...."*

5. Barangay Council of Brgy. Decalachao is hereby reminded of the roles of the local government units in adopting adequate measures to protect the environment and conserve land, mineral, marine, forest, and other resources within their territorial jurisdiction subject to the provision of DAO 30 series of 1992 or The Guidelines for the Transfer and Implementation of DENR Functions Devolved to the Local Government Units. A joint monitoring activity by the DENR, Barangay Council of Decalachao, and PMRB-Coron is recommended to monitor all activities in the area that may pose danger to the environment and livelihood of the affected community.
6. Endorse this to the EMB MIMAROPA Regional Office so that they can issue Notice of Violation for operating a mountain quarry project without an approved ECC.

For the OIC-CENRO's information and further instruction.

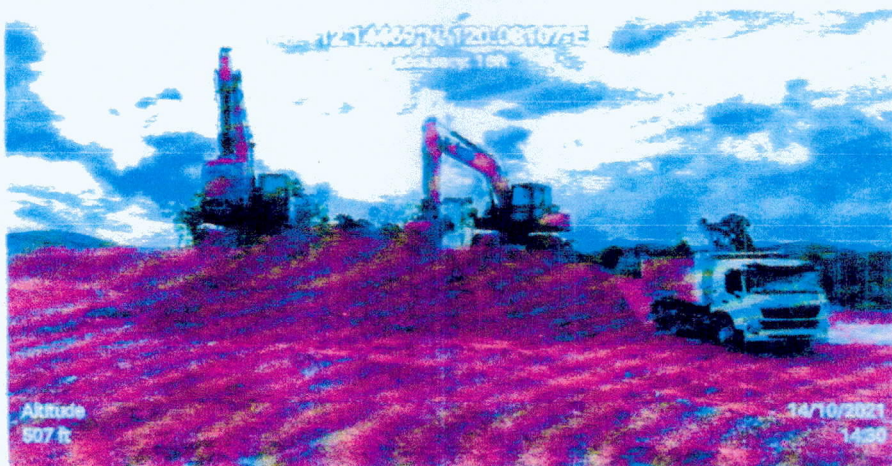
Inspected by:

  
**EMMANUEL REY V. SUMANGIL**  
MGB Embedded Personnel

  
**ENGR. MARK ANGELO S. ROGEL**  
EMB Embedded Personnel



PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



**Photo No. 1. Two (2) unit of Backhoe and One (1) no plate number truck within the subject area.**



**Photo No. 2. Another non plated 10 wheeler dump truck within the subject area during the inspection.**





**Photo No. 3. Another non plated 10 wheeler dump truck on the way to its dumping site.**









Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
MIMAROPA Region  
Coron, Palawan

October 26, 2021


**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** **THE PENRO AND CONCURRENT**  
**PMRB CHAIRPERSON**  
Provincial Mining Regulatory Board  
Sta. Monica Puerto Princesa, Palawan

**FROM :** **THE CENRO**  
Coron, Palawan

**SUBJECT :** **INSPECTION REPORT ON THE ILLEGAL MOUNTAIN**  
**QUARRY ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE BUSUANGA PASTURE**  
**RESERVE (BPR) AT BRGY. DECALACHAO, CORON,**  
**PALAWAN**


**DENR PENRO**  
**PALAWAN RECORDS**  
**RECEIVED**

BY:   
DATE: 11-6-2021 CN 21-10961

Respectfully forwarded is the inspection report dated October 19, 2021, regarding the Illegal Mountain Quarry Activity of BCT Trading and Construction within the area covered by Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR) located at Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

Based on the field findings, the BCT Trading & Construction Inc. does not have any legal personality to conduct Quarry operation in the area and is recommended to cease and desist from further conducting the quarry operation in the area until such necessary Quarry permit and clearance from FMB-BPRMO is secured.

For your perusal and further action

  
**ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.**  
OIC, CENRO - Coron

cc **Regional Executive Director**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources - MIMAROPA

**Regional Director**  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau - MIMAROPA

**Regional Director**  
Environmental Management Bureau - MIMAROPA







## BCT Trading & Construction

San Pedro, Puerto Princesa City  
Tel. Nos. (0481) 434-1728 / 434-1123  
Fax No. (0481) 434-1398



November 9, 2021

Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble  
Regional Director  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau  
Regional Office No. IV-B (MIMAROPA)  
7/F., 1515 DENR Building, Roxas Boulevard  
Ermita, Manila

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11-10-2021  
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**SUBJECT: Response to MGB Letter Dated October 28, 2021**

Dear Engr. Noble:

This pertains to the letter from your office, dated October 28, 2021. This is to inform you that we have ceased any activity in the area as compliance to the previous order last January 2021.

The current activity in the barangay site of Decalachao was due to the request of the Barangay through their Barangay Resolution 025-2020 asking for assistance to level the said site. According to them the area is part of the claimed Barangay Site of Decalachao. As per agreement manifested in the aforesaid resolution, the barangay will process Gratuitous Permit and other necessary documents.

We did not secure the permits ourselves relying on RA 7942: Section 49 pertaining to Government Gratuitous Permit where any government entity or instrumentality may be granted a gratuitous permit by the provincial governor to extract sand and gravel, quarry or loose unconsolidated materials needed in the construction of building and/or infrastructure for public use or other purposes over an area.

Since this is not for private quarry operation, we did not deem it necessary to secure documents as that of a normal commercial quarry operation. We are asking for your consideration and kindly advise us how to proceed accordingly.

Hoping for your inputs so that we will not encounter that same misunderstanding with your office. Attached are some documents as reference. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

**TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO**  
General Manager





Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Environment and Natural Resources**  
**MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU**  
**MIMAROPA Region**  
Office of the Regional Director  
Regional Office - MIMAROPA  
6054 Edsa, Alabang, Muntinlupa City

25 October 2021

**Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco**

President

BCT Trading and Construction

Coron, Palawan

**Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco:**

Please be informed that on 26 October 2021, CENRO - Coron confirmed that BCT Trading and Construction (BCT) has been conducting mountain-quarry operations within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve for the Airport Expansion Project in violation of the 25 January 2021 Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued by this Office (copy attached).

This Office reiterates the said CDO or we shall be constrained to file appropriate charges against BCT for violation of the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 7942.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

**GLENN M. ACERO C. NOBLE**  
Regional Director

*For: Attested*

**The Regional Executive Director**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region

**The PENRO and Consultant Acting PENRO Chairperson**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region  
Office of the Regional Director  
Regional Office - MIMAROPA

**The Mayor - Coron**  
Municipal Government  
Coron, Palawan

**The Director**  
Forest Management Region  
Coron, Palawan

**The CENRO - Coron**  
Coron, Palawan  
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**The Regional Director**  
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Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE  
ASIA-PACIFIC REGION



15 January 2021

**MR. TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO**

President  
BCT Construction  
Coron, Palawan

Dear Mr. T. G. Tiotangco

Enclosed to you is Memorandum Report dated 20 January 2021 of the  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Coron Office. **SERIES: CITIZENS  
COMPLAINTS FOLLOW UP COMPLAINT ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL  
QUARRYING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CORON, PALAWAN** which was  
received by this Office on 25 January 2021.

Based on the above, it was reported that BCT Construction (BCT) has been  
conducting quarrying operation inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve, which  
is strictly prohibited to any form of disposition, exploration or exploitation  
pursuant to Proclamation No. 2013-633.

Furthermore, no mining permit and other clearances from the Department of  
Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) was issued for the quarrying  
operation of BCT intended for the construction of embankment of the  
proposed Busuanga Airport Expansion Project.

Hence, BCT is hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from  
conducting quarry activities in the area without the necessary mining permit.  
This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate cases before a  
competent court of final jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

**ROLAND A DE JESUS, CESO V**  
Regional Director



The DENR Action Center/Hotline  
1-800-456-4567

The Regional Executive Director  
DENR - Palawan

The Bureau of Animal Industry  
Palawan, Palawan

The DENR and Concurrent DENR - Palawan  
Palawan

THE MAYOR  
Palawan

The Director  
Forest Management Bureau  
Palawan, Palawan

The Regional Director  
DENR - Palawan

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines  
NA A-01, Palawan, Palawan

The DENR  
Palawan

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Municipality of Coron  
**BARANGAY DECALACHAO**

Excerpts from the minutes and proceedings of the regular session of Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan held on August 19, 2020 at 9:00am at the Barangay Hall.

Present :	Hon. Franklin F. Usorfacan	-	Punong Barangay/Presiding
	Hon. Ronie D. Calvo, Sr.	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Philip A. Dalanos	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Cristina R. Castro	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Erlito B. Labadan	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Felomino R. Ombahin, Jr.	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Angelo D. Torres	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Jonathan S. Roxas	-	Kagawad
	Hon. Janssen Jade G. Frias	-	SK Chairman
	Hon. Albert D. Torres	-	IPMR

**RESOLUTION No. 025-2020**

**A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE HON. GOVERNOR OF PALAWAN JOSE CH ALVAREZ THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD (PMRB), THE DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) AND ITS ATTACHED SECTORS SUCH AS BUREAU OF PASTURE RESERVE (BPR), FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU (FMB), THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CORON, PALAWAN, HON. MAYOR MARIO T. REYES, JR., VICE MAYOR ASEAN PALANCA AND SANGGUNIAN BAYAN MEMBERS TO HELP BARANGAY DECALACHAO TO FLATTEN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREA CLAIMED BY BARANGAY DECALACHAO FOR SITE OF HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION AND OTHER BARANGAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

WHEREAS, there is a certain area at Barangay Decalachao which has been claimed by the Barangay purposely for site/location of future expansion of Decalachao High School and other Barangay infrastructure projects;

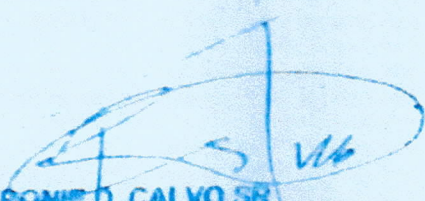
WHEREAS, the area is mountainous and hilly and needs to be flattened in order to be used by the barangay;

WHEREAS, mountain quarry materials has been extracted from the area when the Francisco Reyes Airport and the concreting of Decalachao Road has been constructed;


WHEREAS, the Barangay through its Punong Barangay has verbally requested the BCT Construction Company to flatten the area and has agreed to do so;

WHEREAS, the BCT Construction Company in relation to the request of Barangay has advised the Punong Barangay to coordinate with concerned Government Offices in-charge for such activities and programs;

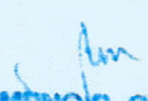




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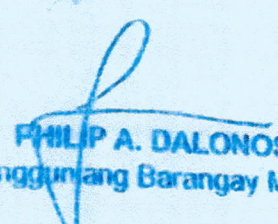
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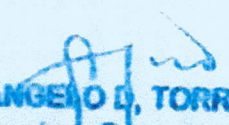
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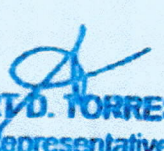
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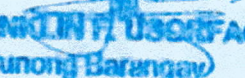


ANGELO D. TORRE  
Sangguniang Barangay Member



ALBERT D. TORRES  
IPMR Representative

SIGNED:



FRANKLIN F. USORFACION  
Punong Barangay





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MIMAROPA Region  
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November 11, 2021

The Secretariat  
Provincial Mining Regulatory Board  
PEO Compound, Brgy. Banca-Banca,  
Puerto Princesa City

Sir/Madam:

Forwarded herewith is the memorandum dated October 26, 2021 of CENRO Coron transmitting the inspection report dated October 19, 2021 of EMB and MGB personnel of that office regarding the illegal mining quarry activity of BCT Trading and Construction within the area covered by the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPS) located at Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan.

Please include this in the agenda of PMRB meeting for action by the board.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,

  
**ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS, CESE**  
PENRO





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**Department of Environment and Natural Resources**  
MIMAROPA Region  
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November 15, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Director  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau- MIMAROPA Region  
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.  
Ermita, Manila

**FROM** : Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** : **LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 09, 2021 FROM MR.  
TEDERICO G. TIOTANGCO IN RESPONSE TO YOUR  
LETTER DATED OCTOBER 28, 2021**

Forwarded is the letter dated November 09, 2021 from Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco, General Manager, BCT Trading & Construction within attached pertinent documents in response to your letter dated October 28, 2021 regarding their mountain quarry operations within the Busuanga Pasture Reserve

For your information and record.

  
**ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS, CESE**





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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PALAWAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
*Provincial Mining Regulatory Board*



FOR: FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC  
Chairman

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22 February 2022

**THE MANAGER**

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CONSTRUCTION  
AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**THE MANAGER**

INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS CORPORATION

Sir/Madam:

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With this, PMRB formally reminds you to the unlied penalty worth Four Million and Four Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Pesos (P4,466,000.00).


Attached herewith the abovementioned resolution for your reference.

Thank you.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:

  
GILLIAN M. ATIENZA  
Board Secretary



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**PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD**  
 Puerto Princesa City



CN/PN- \_\_\_\_\_ -2022

Date March 29, 2022

**ORDER OF PAYMENT**  
**GOOD FOR TODAY ONLY**

The attached payment of BCT Trading and Construction in the amount of ₱ 4,466,000 in cash/money order/check no. \_\_\_\_\_ may be accepted and Official Receipt thereof is issued.

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 Monitoring Trust Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Regulatory Fee/Extraction Tax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certification Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL**

228,800.00 x P20 (extraction tax)  
 = 4,466,000 + 50,000

₱ 4,466,000  
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**Violation of PMRB Resolution No. P-018-2010**

Res. 1: Transport of Sand and Gravel and Other Quarry Substances without valid Delivery Receipt

1<sup>st</sup> Offense - 1,000 / cu.m x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sec. 2: Excess of allowed volume in the permit  
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Sec. 3: Transport of Sand and Gravel and Other Quarry and Other Materials Extracted from Areas NOT covered by Valid Permit - \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fine/Penalty = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Fine/Penalty = ~~xxxxxxxx~~ 4,466,000

For and By Authority of the Board


**RICHARD C. MAGBANUA**  
 Director and Governor's Representative





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**MEMORANDUM**

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Palawan

FROM : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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April 08, 2022

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Coron, Palawan

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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

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For immediate compliance.

For the PENRO:

**JOHNNY P. LILANG**  
Supervising ECOMS/Chief TSD  
Officer-in-Charge

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PALAWAN  
RGT/Docs. No.: 2022-2888

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CENRO Coron  
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**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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April 8, 2022

**PENRO SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 2022-038  
Series of 2022

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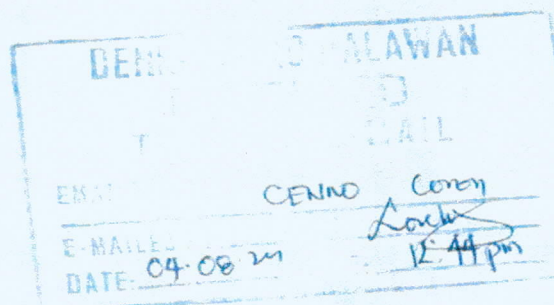
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April 11, 2022

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For your information and further instruction.

  
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## ANNEX "C"



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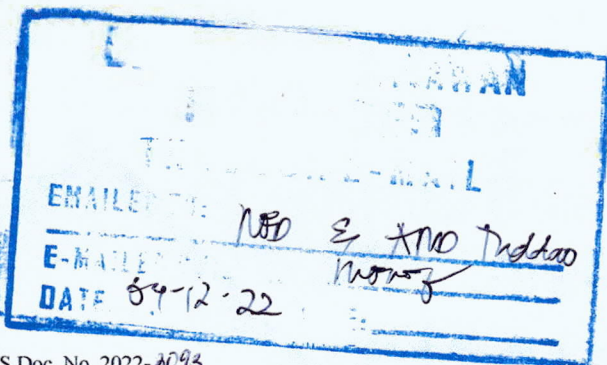
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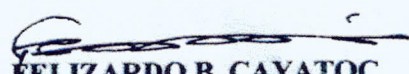
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For the PENRO:

**JOHNNY P. LILANG**  
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 Puerto Princesa City



CN PN - \_\_\_\_\_ - 2022

Date March 29 2022

**ORDER OF PAYMENT**  
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220,800 cu.m x ₱20 (unitary rate)  
= 4,416,000 + 50,000

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**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Violation of PMRS Resolution No. P-018-2010**

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Total Fine/Penalty = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Fine / Penalty = ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 4,466,000

For and By Authority of the Board:

**~~RICHARD S. MAGBANUA~~**  
 Director and Governor's Representative



**WHEREAS**, the written explanation/answer from One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation submitted that they simply made use of the ordinary earth and backfilling materials from the land preparation and flattening of a proposed barangay site for schools and other buildings of Barangay Decalacao that earlier requested help from the Honorable Governor, the DENR, the municipal government, Forest Management Bureau among others, to flatten the proposed site and the request was done through Barangay Resolution NO. 25-2020;

**WHEREAS**, One Hundred Percent (100%) Construction and Development Corporation submitted to the Board that the construction of the runway embankment is a project of the National Government under the Department of Transportation thru its attached agency the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) and this company is the winning bidder for the phase one (1) of the project;

**WHEREAS**, while it is undisputed that the ordinary earth/mountain quarry materials were used in the runway embankment project of Francisco S. Reyes airport the responsible company is still liable to pay the fine and penalties appropriate to the volume extracted and hauled;

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon unanimous decision of all the members present, resolved as it is hereby resolved for:

- (a) Adopt Section 1.1 of Provincial Ordinance 1398-14 but as a form of penalty and to impose a penalty jointly and solidarily against One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation and its joint venture partner International Builders Corporation broken down as follows:

$$220,800 \text{ cum} \times \text{P}20 \text{ (ordinary earth)} = \text{P}4,416,000.00$$

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- (c) Both Corporations are also ordered to secure the proper Ore Transport Permit (OTP) from the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB) prior to any continuation of hauling activities from the two areas mentioned pursuant to Regional Memorandum Order No. 2020-07 dated 29 June 2021 on the Guidelines for the Utilization, Deposition and Transport of Incidental earth materials from government projects;

- (d) Require both companies to secure an ECC for the proposed barangay site before any hauling and/or extraction activity be undertaken;

- (e) Require both companies to submit a rehabilitation plan for the Decalacao Extraction Site to be approved by this BOARD and immediately implement the same in coordination with the CENRO of Coron, the MENRO and the Provincial Mines and Regulatory Board. The local MENRO and CENRO are also directed to regularly monitor the implementation once commenced.





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**FOR: FELZARDO B. CAYATOC**  
Chairman

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22 February 2022

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Thank you.

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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2021, 2:00 PM AT DIAKOPES RESTAURANT, BGY. BANCAO-BANCAO, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY.**

**PRESENT DURING THE MEETING:**

**MR. ERIBERTO B. SAÑOS**  
**ATTY. NOEL E. AQUINO**

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**PMRB RESOLUTION NO. 15 -2021**

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING PENALTY AGAINST BCT TRADING AND CONSTRUCTION (NOW ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) AND ITS JOINT-VENTURE PARTNER INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS CORPORATION FOR AN AUTHORIZED HAULING OF ORDINARY EARTH MATERIALS/BACKFILLING MATERIALS FROM BGY DECALACHAO AND SITIO TUBATAN CORON, PALAWAN.**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 7942 of the Philippine Mining Act and its implementing rules and regulation strictly prohibits the illegal extraction of minerals or quarrying resources from public and private lands without valid permit;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Mines and Regulatory Board (PMRB) also penalizes the illegal transport of quarry resources including sand and gravel without any existing permit from the board or from any government agency as the case maybe;

**WHEREAS**, based on the report submitted by PMRB Coron through its team leader Ms. Ma. Teresa J. Casareno dated October 12, 2021, One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation and its joint venture partner International Builders Corporation had extracted a total of 220,800 cum from Barangay Decalachao, Coron from July 2019 – December 2020, and the same was used in the embankment of Francisco B. Reyes airport in the same municipality;

**WHEREAS**, report from the Enforcement and Monitoring Team in Coron further shows that from January 2021 – August 2021, One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation utilized a total volume of 133,425 cubic meter of backfilling materials taken from the waste of the road widening project, another national government project in Sitio Tubatan, Coron Palawan;




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UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED:

**DRA. ESTELA E. DIVINAGRACIA**  
Small-Scale Mining Representative

  
**ATTY. NOEL E. AQUINO**  
Governor's Representative/  
Vice-chairman

  
**INOCENCIO MAGALLANES**  
NGO Representative

  
**ROLAND TALABUCAN**  
Permanent Alternate of DENR-PENRO

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing RESOLUTION which was adopted by the PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN during its regular meeting held on **15** October 2021.

  
**GILLIAN AL ATIENZA**  
Board Secretary





April 8, 2022

**PENRO SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 2022-038

Series of 2022

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CUTTING OF TREES IN CORON, PALAWAN**

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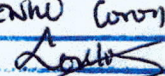
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**ANNEX "E"**

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May 2, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**THRU :** The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

**FROM :** The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND VALIDATION ON THE ALLEGED  
ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES/MANGROVES IN CORON, PALAWAN**

In compliance with the memorandum dated March 31, 2022 from Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, *CESO IV*, submitted is the report dated April 27, 2022 of the composite/investigating team pertaining to the aforementioned subject including its pertinent enclosures.

The result of investigation conducted by the team disclosed the following:

1. The entire area proposed for reclamation is Fifty (50) hectares including the previous ten (10) hectares.
2. The first ten (10) hectares was reclaimed sometime in 2009. The area is already utilized for different purpose including a market site, the Lualhati Park (boulevard) and some commercial area site.
3. Another seventeen (17) hectares for Phase I (unfinished reclamation) and 23 has for Phase II (not yet started) of seashore at So. Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5 is subject of an on-going reclamation. This area was already filled with more or less 840,000 cubic meters of earth materials and would need more or less the same volume to attain the desired height of reclamation.
4. No cuttings of mangrove trees were observed.

Moreover, the team also presented the Google images showing the ground cover/vegetation before and after the reclamation project commenced. The latest image was captured last November 2021 wherein it can be observed that no mangrove trees were destroyed in the reclaimed areas.

In view of the above, a memorandum instruction was sent to the CENRO Coron and embedded MGB and EMB personnel to regularly conduct continuous monitoring activities in the reclamation project in close coordination with the concerned agencies and to submit report for information.

For information and record.

**FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

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May 2, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM :** The Provincial Environment  
and Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND VALIDATION ON THE ALLEGED  
ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES/MANGROVES IN CORON, PALAWAN**

Furnished to you is the report dated April 27, 2022 of the composite/investigating team pertaining to the aforementioned subject including its pertinent enclosures.

Please be informed that the investigating team reported that 17 hectares out of the proposed 50 hectares (Phase I and II & 10 has. previously reclaimed) of seashore area in Sitio Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5 was already reclaimed through the Provincial Government of Palawan in coordination by the Local Government Unit of Coron, Palawan. No cutting of trees/mangroves has been observed by the team during investigation and validation activities. In fact, it was observed in the site with captured photo documentations that there are mangroves that still thrives or standing firmly along the edge of the land or foreshore area of the 17 hectares reclaimed land.

The team also presented the Google images showing the ground cover/vegetation before and after the reclamation project commenced. The latest image captured was last November 2021 and it can be observed that no mangrove trees were destroyed in the reclaimed areas.

You are hereby directed, together with MGB and EMB embedded personnel to conduct regular monitoring activities on the following:

1. The remaining mangrove stands in the project site to ensure its protection.
2. The mountain quarry activities to prevent its operation outside the approved quarry site.
3. To ensure that necessary Area Clearance is secured from DENR before any further reclamation is conducted.

Please submit the monthly or updated reports in coordination with the proper authorities on the matter.

For information and compliance.

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April 27, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Provincial Environment and  
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FROM : The Composite/Investigating Team

SUBJECT : **RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND VALIDATION ON THE  
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IN CORON, PALAWAN**

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Respectfully submitted is the report of the undersigned on the conducted investigation and validation on the alleged illegal cutting of trees/mangroves on April 21-23, 2022 in the municipality of Coron, Palawan. This is in compliance with PENRO Special Order No. 2022-038 dated April 08, 2022 (*please see attached copy of PENRO Special Order No. 2022-038 including the Attendance Sheet*) and Travel Order Nos. 2022-04-08-1385 and 2022-04-08-1383 respectively.

Further, the above-mentioned subject was reported by a group of individuals to the President Rodrigo Roa Duterte last March 18, 2022 and on March 31, 2022, the PENRO Palawan received the memorandum from the Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, *CESO IV* relative to the issue.

**A. FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS:**

The following are the data and information gathered by the Composite/Investigating Team created under PENRO Special Order No. 2022-038 to investigate and validate the alleged illegal cutting of trees/mangroves in Coron, Palawan, to wit:

**A.1. Baseline Information/Facts:**

- a. The Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) with Reference No.: ECC-R4B-0910-0033 was issued on October 14, 2009 to Bella C. Tiotangco for Mountain Quarry Project located at Sitio Lamud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.
- b. The Provincial Environment Management Unit (PEMU) – Palawan conducted site inspection on November 03 and 15, 2021 to verify Bella C. Teotangco's compliance to the conditions set forth in the ECC and to conduct validation/inspection regarding the quarrying operations of projects operating within the municipality of Coron, Palawan.
- c. A Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued on December 14, 2021 against Bella C. Tiotangco for violation of ECC conditions.
- d. A Technical Conference was conducted on February 02, 2022 between Engr. Myco Montebon of BCT Trading and Construction, Inc. and personnel of Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) MIMAROPA with commitments to be complied.
- e. In compliance with the above-mentioned commitments, the position paper of Mr. Alfredo Batul, the PCO and BCT Representative, was received at the Office of the Provincial Environment Management Unit (PEMU) – Palawan on February 15, 2022.



- f. The EMB MIMAROPA issued a Cease and Desist Order against the project to prevent grave and irreparable damages to the environment and required to implement mitigating activities to prevent possible erosions.
- g. CENRO Coron monitored that the purpose of dumping of ordinary earth filling materials in Barangay 5 is part of the Coron Bay Development Project of the Provincial Government of Palawan and the Local Government of Coron, Palawan which is currently entered into partnership with BCT Trading and Construction and 428 Hi-Tech Groupings, Inc. Further, CENRO Coron sent a letter addressed to Engr. Teodorico Teotangco of BCT thru Engr. Cesario Reyes last January 28, 2021 for the temporary stoppage of their operations due to lack of required documents particularly the Area Clearance from the DENR.

**A.2. Additional Facts and Observations:**

**1. 17 HECTARES OUT OF THE PROPOSED 40 HECTARES OF SEASHORE AREA IN BARANGAY POBLACION 5 WAS RECLAIMED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF CORON, PALAWAN:**

The 17 hectares of seashore at Sitio Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5 was reclaimed out of the 40 hectares proposed reclamation project comprising Phase I and Phase II by the Local Government of Coron, Palawan. The area is filled with Mountain Quarry Materials from the permitted area of BCT Trading and Construction which was issued with ECC No. ECC-R4B-0910-0033 on October 14, 2009 and Quarry Permit No. QP (PLW) No. 02-01 issued on February 02, 2018 by the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board of the Provincial Government of Palawan located at Sitio Lamud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.

A total of 840,000 cubic meters of mountain quarry filling materials had been dumped in the area with an elevated height of 1 to 1.5 meters above sea level and the reclaimed area needs another 840,000 cubic meters or more in order to attain the desired height of the reclaimed area before the start of any construction of structures or buildings in the place. No traces of cutting of mangroves had been observed by the Composite/Investigating Team in the entire reclaimed area.

The area is surrounded by timberland in the northern part of the project location and has portion of alienable and disposable lands particularly in the northeastern side of the project site based on LC Map No. 127, Project 2, certified on November 23, 1933. (*see attached photos as ANNEX "A"*).

**2. MANGROVE TREES ARE STILL THRIVES ALONG THE EDGE OF THE LAND OR SEASHORE AREA OF THE 17 HAS. RECLAIMED LAND:**

It can be observed that mangrove trees are still thrives along the edge of the land or seashore area of the 17 hectares reclaimed land at Sitio Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan. In the landward portion of the reclaimed area, no observed filling of mountain quarry materials. As evidence, in and out flowing of salt/sea and fresh water are merged that has beneficial to the patches of mangrove trees that are still standing/living up to this time.

Other mangrove trees are thrives and has erected houses/shunties beneath the dominant vegetation. For the entire 17 hectares reclaimed land, no traces of cutting of mangrove trees had been observed by the team (*see attached photos as ANNEX "B"*).



**3. THE ESTABLISHED SIX (6) DIKES/CANALS WITHIN 17 HECTARES RECLAIMED AREA IN BARANGAY POBLACION 5 TO ALLOW IN AND OUT OF SALT/SEA AND FRESH WATER TOWARDS THE SEA:**

The team found out that the mangrove trees found or thrives in the seashore facing landward of the 17 hectares reclaimed area will survive because of the established at least 5 meters width of 6 dikes/canals stretching or connecting towards the sea as presented in the latest google maps.

The establishment of dikes or canals within the 17 hectares reclaimed land will be advantageous to the free flowing of sea/salt and fresh water from the landward portion going to the seaward direction. This strategies and claims technically supported by research as revealed by *Mangrove Forest in the Philippines – The Maritime Review* (<https://maritimereview.ph/mangrove-forests-in-the-philippines/>) year 2022, which states the link between land and the sea. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) considers the mangrove forest as a bridge between terrestrial and marine environments, and as a productive ecosystem. Mangroves transfer organic matter and energy from land to sea, forming the base of many marine food sources. Mangroves are thus home to terrestrial and marine life. Mangroves also play a vital role in trapping and filtering sediments, which help protect coastlines. Since mangrove forests grow where saltwater meets the shore in tropical and subtropical regions, they serve as an interface between terrestrial, fresh-water and marine ecosystems.

Another research study conducted by *Mangroves/Smithsonian Ocean (si.edu)* (<https://ocean.si.edu/ocean-life/plants-algae/mangroves>) year 2022, states that one method for mangrove restoration proves to be more successful than other attempts. In 1986, Robin Lewis began a restoration experiment in Florida that changed mangrove restoration success. Based upon findings that seedlings do best when they are submerged for 30 percent of the time and dry for the remaining 70, Lewis and a team of engineers modified the coastal landscape by moving piles of dirt with bulldozers and backhoes away from the experiment site. Then, they constructed a slight slope leading down into the ocean so that tides could easily flow. After 7 years, all three of Florida's mangrove species naturally re-established. Since then, Lewis's ecological restoration methods have been used to restore 30 mangrove sites in the United States, along with mangroves in another 25 countries around the world. In Thailand, Indonesia, and other countries, local communities dependent on mangroves have learned his methods, too (see attached photos as ANNEX "C").

**4. GOOGLE IMAGES SHOWING THE GROUND COVER/VEGETATION BEFORE AND AFTER THE RECLAMATION PROJECT COMMENCED:**

Presented herein are the Google images showing the ground cover/vegetation before and after the reclamation project commenced November of 2018. The starting of works and its progress was from the month of December 2019, followed by February of 2021 and November of 2021 respectively.

The Phase I of the reclamation project and temporarily terminated has reached to 17 hectares while the Phase II will be 23 hectares to reach to total reclamation area of 40 hectares for Phase I and Phase II of the seashore area in Barangay Poblacion 5 as reclamation project by the Local Government Unit of Coron, Palawan. No traces of cutting of mangroves had been observed by the Composite/Investigating Team in the place (see attached images as ANNEX "D").



**5. PLANTING OF COCONUT WITHIN 17 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED AREA BY THE GROUP OF SAGIP CORON OR SAVE CORON:**

The group of SAGIP CORON or SAVE CORON (Lets make it happen) has planted coconut on April 22, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. with more or less 50 pieces within the end portion of the 40 hectares reclaimed area of the municipal government of Coron, Palawan as part of their protest to the reclaimed project.

Before the SAGIP CORON planting activity, CENRO Coron conducted the multi-sectoral inspection, validation and soil sampling analysis using Soil Test Kit (STK) on April 19, 2022. The STK is a quick method of evaluating the fertility of the soil using a sample chlorimetric chemical analysis.

It involves chemical analysis that measures the amount of nutrients in the soil using chemical reagents and matches the color produced with a standard color chart which indicates certain amount of such low, medium and high in terms of Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K) and soil PH and acidity.

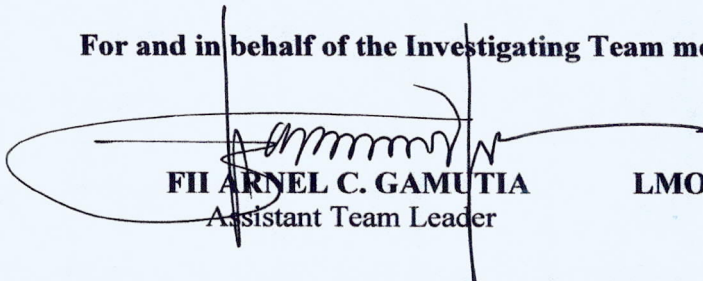
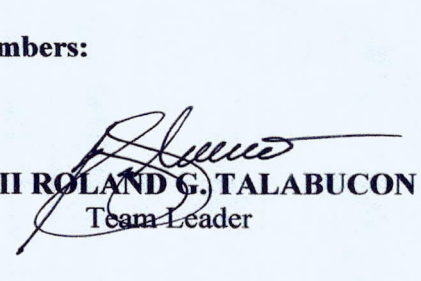
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**B. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**For and in behalf of the Investigating Team members:**

 <b>FH ARNEL C. GAMUTIA</b> Assistant Team Leader	 <b>LMO II ROLAND G. TALABUCAN</b> Team Leader
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**C. ATTACHMENTS:**

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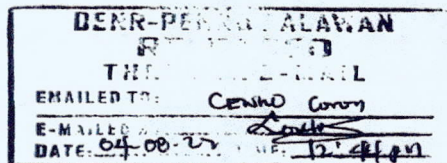
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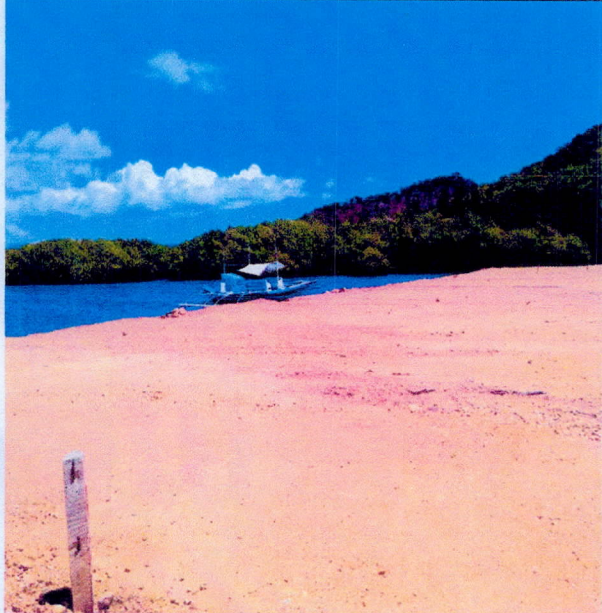



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**Annex “A”** Photographs showing the 17 hectares of seashore area in Barangay Poblacion 5 reclaimed by the Local Government Unit of Coron, Palawan. No traces of cutting of mangroves had been observed by the Composite/Investigating Team in the place. Photos taken on April 21, 2022 by Forester II Arnel C. Gamutia, to wit:

	
<p>End portion of the reclaimed area of 17 hectares connecting the remaining at least 100 meters clear seawater (devoid of mangroves/sea grass) then, next the mangroves stand at Sitio Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan. No traces of cutting of mangroves had been observed by the team in the reclaimed area.</p>	<p>The seaward portion of the reclaimed area of 17 hectares at Sitio Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan. No traces of cutting of mangroves had been observed by the team in the reclaimed area.</p>
	
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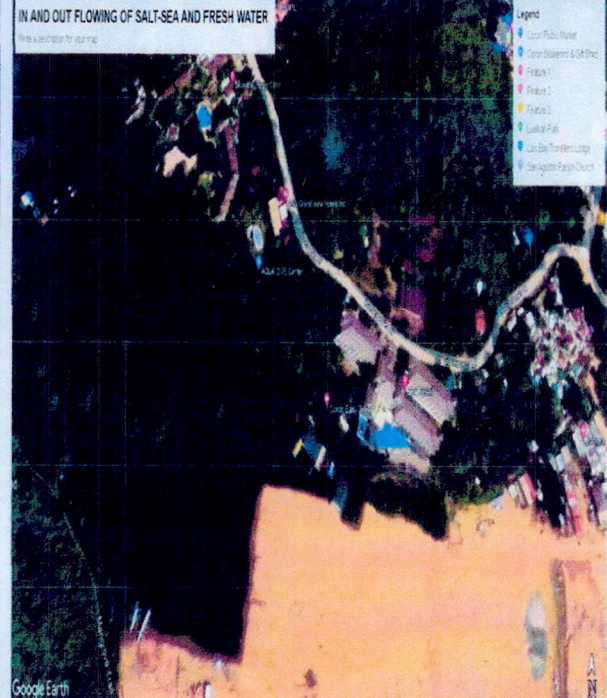
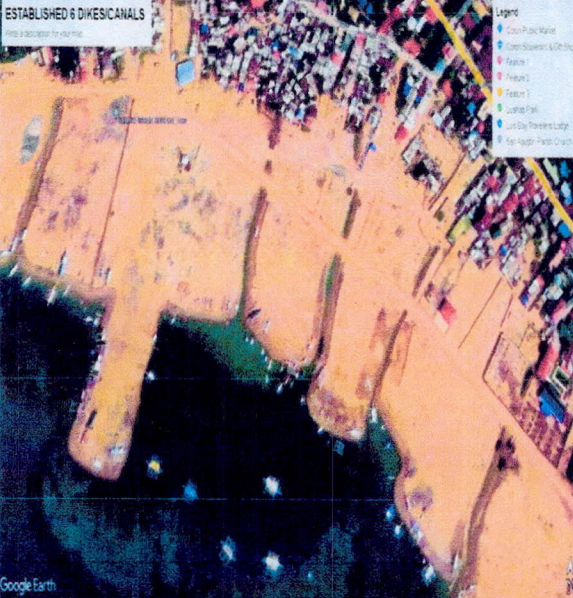



**Annex “B”** Photographs showing the landward portion of the reclaimed area of 17 hectares-unfill of quarry materials along the edge of the land or seashore area wherein patches of mangrove trees are still standing up to this time. Other mangrove trees are thrives and has houses/shunties beneath the dominant vegetation at Sitio Bancuang, Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan. No traces of cutting of mangroves had been observed by the team in the reclaimed area. Photos taken on April 22, 2022 by Forester II Arnel C. Gamutia, to wit:

	
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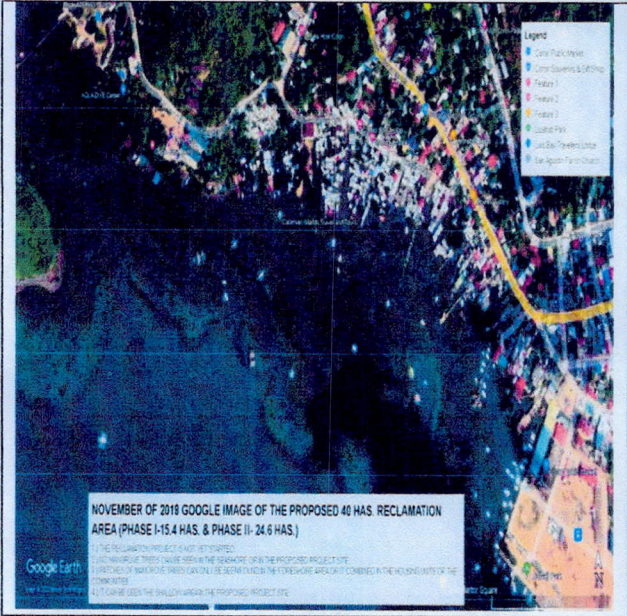
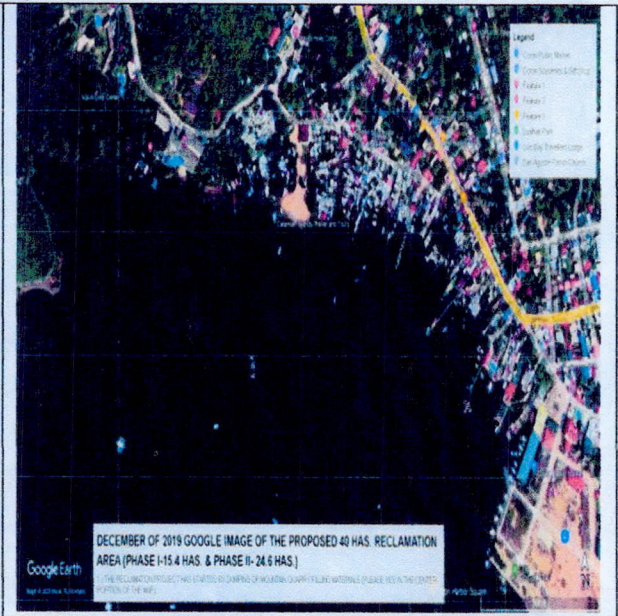
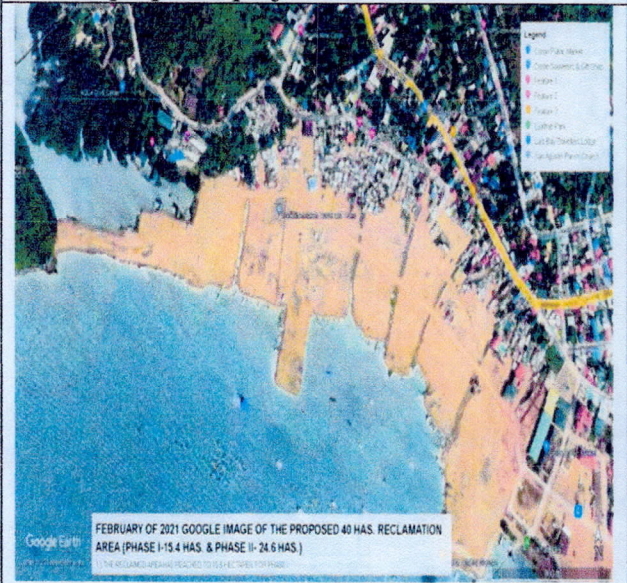
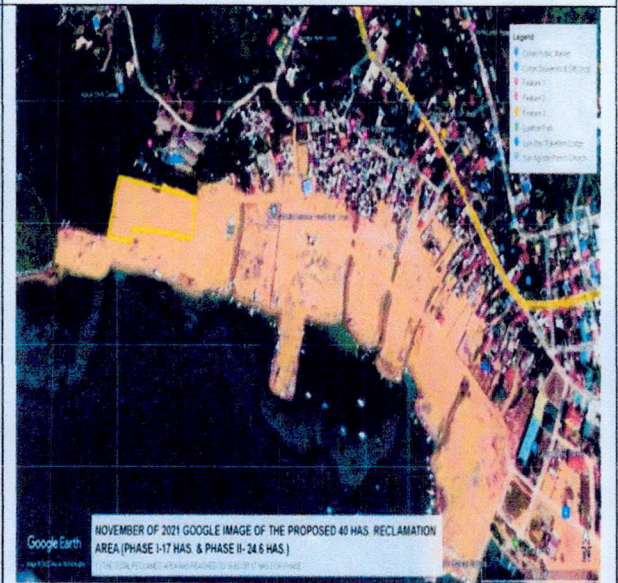


**Annex “C”** Google images/Geo-tagged photo showing the established dikes/canals within the 17 hectares reclaimed land located at Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan. It can be observed the in and out flowing of salt/sea and fresh water that are highly beneficial to the mangroves found in the seashore or landward portion of the reclaimed area. Photos taken on April 22, 2022 for Geo-tagged photo and April 27, 2022 for Google images by Forester II Arnel C. Gamutia, to wit:

	
<p>Google image of the whole 17 hectares reclaimed area with established at least 5 meters width of 6 dikes/canals stretching or connecting towards the sea and the previous 10 hectares reclaimed area (Connected Right Side).</p>	<p>Google image of the in and out of salt/sea and fresh water in the end point of the landward or seashore of the whole 17 hectares reclaimed area.</p>
	
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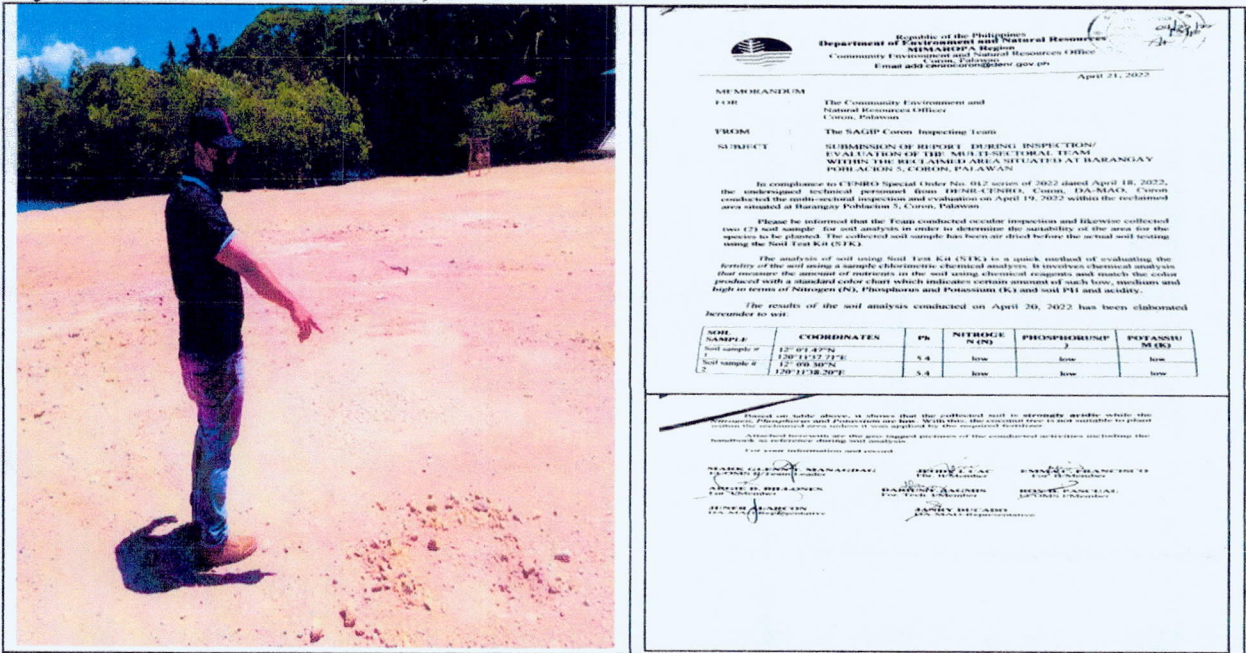


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<p><b>November of 2018:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The reclamation project is not yet started.</li> <li>2) No mangrove trees can be seen in the seashore or in the proposed project site.</li> <li>3) Patches of mangrove trees can only be seen/found in the foreshore or edge landward or it combined in the housing units of the communities.</li> <li>4) It can be seen the shallow area in the proposed project site.</li> </ol>	<p><b>December of 2019:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The reclamation project has started by dumping of mountain quarry materials (please see in the center portion of the map).</li> </ol>
	
<p><b>February of 2021:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The reclaimed area has reached to 15.5 hectares for Phase I only. No activity yet in Phase II.</li> </ol>	<p><b>November of 2021:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The total reclaimed area has reached to 16.82 or 17 hectares for Phase I only. No activity yet for Phase II.</li> </ol>

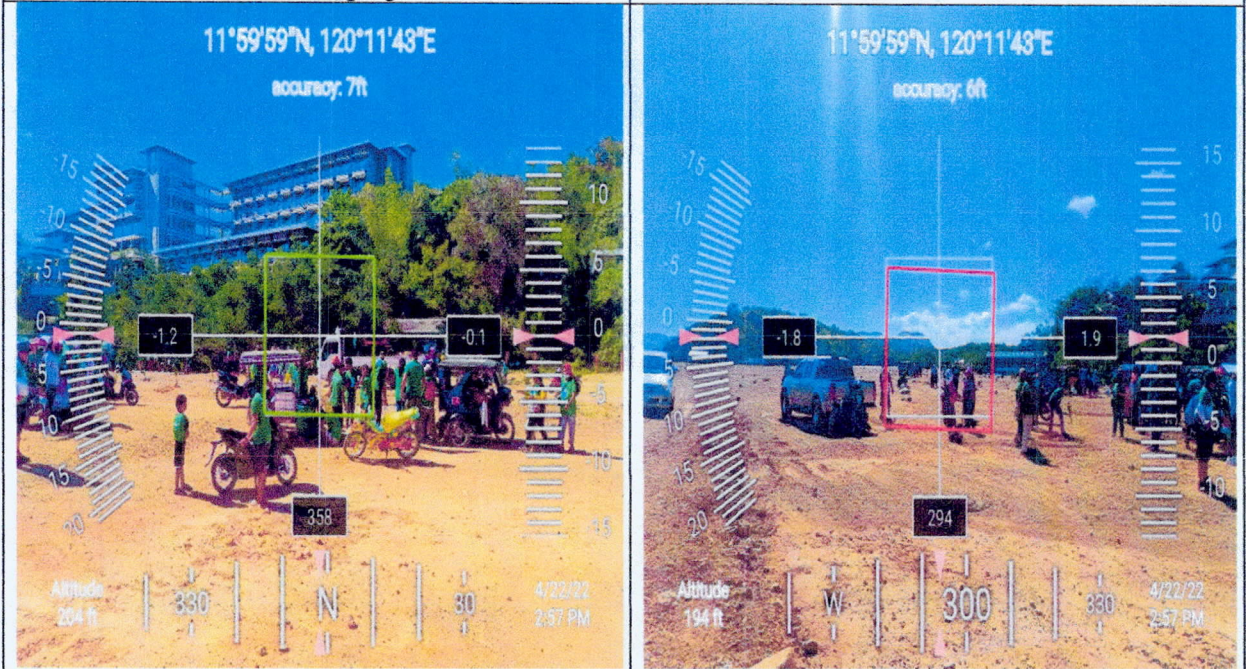


Annex “E” Photographs showing the source of soil sampling analysis and its result. Also, the group of SAGIP CORON or SAVE CORON while planting coconut within 17 hectares reclaimed area of the municipal government of Coron, Palawan. Photos taken on April 22, 2022 by Forester II Arnel C. Gamutia, to wit:



It shows the group of SAGIP CORON or SAVE Coron planting of coconut within 17 hectares reclaimed area of the municipal government of Coron, Palawan as part of their protest of the reclamation project.

It shows the result of soil sampling analysis



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April 8, 2022

**PENRO SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 2022-038

Series of 2022

**SUBJECT: CREATION OF COMPOSITE TEAM TASKED TO  
INVESTIGATE AND VALIDATE THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL  
CUTTING OF TREES IN CORON, PALAWAN**

In the interest of service and in reference to the Memorandum dated 31 March 2022 of the Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV relative to the complaints lodged by the group of individuals who visited President Rodrigo Roa Duterte last 18 March 2022 concerning the alleged illegal cutting of trees/mangroves, a composite Team to be composed by the following personnel is hereby created.

<b>LMO II Roland G. Talabucon</b>	- <b>Team Leader</b>
<b>Forester II Arnel C. Gamutia</b>	- <b>Assistant Team Leader</b>
<b>EMB Embedded Personnel of CENRO Coron</b>	- <b>Member</b>
<b>MGB Embedded Personnel of CENRO Coron</b>	- <b>Member</b>
<b>CENRO Coron Representatives (GIS/Enforcement)</b>	- <b>Member</b>
<b>PMRB Representative in Coron</b>	- <b>Member</b>

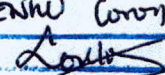
The Team shall have the following duties and responsibilities;

1. Conduct field investigation and validation to ascertain the veracity of the alleged illegal cutting of mangroves mentioned in the RED Memoranda.
2. Require the CENRO Coron to provide explanation why no Order was issued on the illegal Tree cutting and dumping of fill materials on mangroves.
3. Gather and accept additional information/evidence that can be used in the resolution of the complaints.

Submit your findings and recommendation thru a report with five (5) days upon completion of travel.

The order takes immediately.

  
**FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

<b>DENR-PENRO PALAWAN</b>	
<b>RELEASED</b>	
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Activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Designation</u>	<u>Contact No.</u>	<u>Signature</u>
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2. JEDDY CAC	F - II	09953223329	ji
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4. Jonald Lenasic	ENMO	09062919425	Lenasic
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**ANNEX "F"**

May 19, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region

**FROM :** The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND VALIDATION ON THE  
ALLEGED MOUNTAIN QUARRY AND OTHER  
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN CORON, PALAWAN**

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum with pertinent enclosures of the composite investigating team dated May 2, 2022 relative the above subject. This is in relation to the alleged illegal mountain quarry, unlawful dumping of quarry materials to mangrove trees and other related environmental issues in the municipality of Coron, Palawan.

The team presented the Google images showing the ground cover or vegetation before and after the reclamation project commenced specifically in the area of new public market site of LGU Coron located at Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan. The latest image captured was last November 2021 and the subject new market site was totally covered with mountain quarry materials. The old Google image was captured in March 2012 where mangrove stands (dark green in color) still intact with at least 10 percent of the area starting to cover with mountain quarry materials at that time.

In view of the above, please be informed that we sent memorandum with instructions to CENRO Coron, Palawan dated May 19, 2022 to conduct regular monitoring activities together with MGB and EMB embedded personnel and concerned agencies, on the following:

1. The remaining mangrove stands in the new market project site to ensure its protection.
2. The mountain quarry activities to prevent its operation outside the approved quarry site.
3. Continue conduct monitoring activities within the projects that were visited by the monitoring team to ensure compliance to our existing ENR laws, rules and regulations.

For information and further instruction.

For the PENRO:

**JOHNNY P. LILANG**  
OIC Chief, Technical Services Division  
Office In-Charge

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TO : The Community Environment  
and Natural Resources Officer  
Coron, Palawan

FROM : The Provincial Environment  
and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND VALIDATION ON THE  
ALLEGED MOUNTAIN QUARRY AND OTHER  
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN CORON, PALAWAN**

Furnished to you is the report dated May 2, 2022 of the composite/investigating team pertaining to the aforementioned subject including its pertinent enclosures.

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The team also presented the Google images showing the ground cover or vegetation before and after the reclamation project commenced specifically in the area of new public market site of LGU Coron located at Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan. The latest image captured was last November 2021 and the subject new market site was totally covered with mountain quarry materials. The old Google image was captured in March 2012 where mangrove stands (dark green in color) still intact with at least 10 percent of the area starting to cover with mountain quarry materials at that time.

In relation herewith, you are hereby directed, together with MGB and EMB embedded personnel to conduct regular monitoring activities on the following:

1. The remaining mangrove stands in the new market project site to ensure its protection.
2. The mountain quarry activities to prevent its operation outside the approved quarry site.

Further, please continue conduct monitoring activities within the projects that were visited by the monitoring team to ensure compliance to our existing ENR laws, rules and regulations, such as:

1. Proposed New Market of the Municipal Government of Coron located at Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.
2. Excavation outside the Mountain Quarry Permit of BCT or the Bella C. Tiotangco Mountain Quarry Area located at Sitio Lamud, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.
3. 17 hectares of seashore area in Barangay Poblacion 5 reclaimed by the Local Government Unit of Coron, Palawan.









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ANNEX "G"

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		No retaining wall/ barrier to prevent siltation	c. Establish sea wall approx. 1,300m	DPWH, PRA, LGU and Contractors	The Contractor will prepare and submit Detailed Engineering Plan for the approx. 30m work program including impact assessment and work schedule to be presented and approved by the Body (DENR, LGU, DPWH, PRA, PGP, BLGU, Sagip Coron, PCSDS)
	Dumping in Seagrass/seaweeds, Mangroves, Corals	No gathered information	Submit all findings of Brgy. V, II, and III and Sagip Coron	BLGU, LGU, Sagip Coron, PCSDS	Gathered information will be submitted and consolidated to the DENR-CENRO  DENR-CENRO to follow up
	Poor Drainage System	Inadequate drainage system causing flooding within the area	DPWH, LGU, and Contractors to harmonize the drainage system	DPWH, LGU, and Contractors	Submit copy of drainage plan to the Body for evaluation
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2	Reclamation/ cutting of Mangroves located inside Fernvale	Within Private Property (Tuti Fernandez)  With pending case in PCSDS	Create S.O. to conduct further investigation and provide recommendations  Furnish the Body a copy of the Case Order (PCSD)	DENR, LGU, Sagip Coron, PCSDS, BLGU, PCSDS	

3	PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC MARKET	a. No ECC, Geohazard Assessment b. No Reclamation Activity-Backfilling Only c. Need 100 truckloads (20cum/truck) d. Issued SEP Clearance but with deductions of Core Zone	a. Acquisition of ECC (Geohazard Assessment as one of requirement) and other relevant permits prior to reoperation b. Mitigating measures c. Minimize development within Core Zone	PCSD, DENR (MOB, EMB), LGU	
4	NHA	a. No ECC, Clearance form BPR-FMB, Building permit, SEP Clearance, Quarry Permit, Geohazard	a. Contractor to Stop Operation  b. Install signage (Notice to the Public)	DENR CENRO, BPRMO, BLGU-San Nicolas, LGU	





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		Identification Report, NWRB Water Permit  b. On Going Operation despite issuance of CDO from FMB  c. Titled Property within BPR  d. within Unclassified Public Forest	c. Reiteration of previous issued CDO Note: DENR CO recommended to identify area outside BPR; LGU Coron will appeal to the Secretary this 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of June  d. PMRB will issue CDO to the contractor of the aggregate		
5	MOUNTAIN QUARRY IN SAN NICOLAS	No ECC, SEP Clearance, Quarry Permit, Clearance from BPR  Within BPR Boundary  Waiting for the CDO to be issued by the MGB	EMB will issue CDO on May 27 and immediately the contractor to submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure, slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB and presented to the Body  EMB to request MGB assistance	428 Hi-Tech Group Inc. and BCT Construction Inc.  CENRO-Secretariat of Inter-Agency Task Force Coron	
6	BELLA TIOTANGCO	a. CDO was already issued by MGB on Dec. 1, 2021 due to extraction outside permit area  b. CDO issued by EMB  c. Improper excavation method resulting to steep/unstable slope	a. Contractor to submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure/slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB for evaluation, approval and immediate implementation  b. Once approved, Rehabilitation Plan to be presented to the Body for information	Bella Tiotangco	
7	Proposed Govt. Buildings and Facilities located at Sitio Dipulao, Brgy. Pob. VI, Coron	a. Issued CDO by EMB with recommendation for immediate rehabilitation  b. Ongoing construction of stadium  c. Ongoing GSLUP application by LGU	a. To submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure, slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB for evaluation, approval and immediate implementation  b. Secure ECC for the proposed building project within titled property (including SEP Clearance)	LGU	

PENRO Memorandum dated June 7, 2022 was issued instructing CENRO Allan Valle of DENR CENRO Taytay to instruct Engr. Marian Lachica to join the Region Survey Team to conduct survey of the existing reclamation project (Phase II) scheduled on June 10-11, 2022.

In view of the above, may we respectfully request that the follow-up meeting requested by Sagip Coron, Palawan be scheduled after the survey is finished and the maps have been submitted. This is needed to serve as reference for further action

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**ANNEX "H"**

June 09, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR-MIMAROPA Region

**FROM :** Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION AND SITE  
INSPECTION OF THE DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES  
RAISED BY SAGIP CORON PALAWAN (SCP) IN CORON,  
PALAWAN

**Brief Background of the Issue:**

On April 14, 2022, a copy of the letter to Hon. Jim O Sampulna, PhD, CESO I-DENR Secretary dated April 9, 2022 from Project Sagip Coron Palawan was received in this Office. The letter is an invitation for a meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 10:00 am at the Presidents Room, Manila Polo Club, Mackinley Road, Makati, Metro Manila. It aims to discuss the orders of the President and to update on the progress of identified initiatives. It specifically request for coordination with AFP, DILG, DPWH, PNP and Sagip Coron to assist and work with DENR in the remediation and the rehabilitation of alleged Coron's devastated environment, destroyed mountains, marine ecosystem and displaced households.

**ACTIONS TAKEN:**

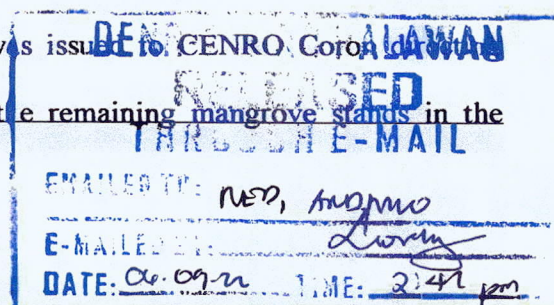
On April 08, 2022 PENRO Special Order No. 2022-038 Series of 2022 was issued re: CREATION OF COMPOSITE TEAM TASKED TO INVESTIGATE AND VALIDATE THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES IN CORON, PALAWAN. The Team's report was submitted to the Regional Executive Director, DENR MIMAROPA per PENRO Memorandum dated May 2, 2022. (Annex A)

The team's significant findings includes the following;

- a. The entire area proposed for reclamation is more or less Fifty (50) hectares
- b. Approximately Ten (10) hectares was reclaimed sometime in 2009. The area is already utilized for different purposes including market site, the Lualhati Park (boulevard) and some commercial area site
- c. The remaining Forty hectares unreclaimed area was divided into Phase I (17 hectares) and Phase II ( 23 hectares). Both areas are located at So. Bangcuang, Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan. The Phase 1 (17 hectares) was already filled with more or less 840,000 cu.m. earth materials and would require the same volume of earth materials to attain the desired height. The Phase II (23 hectares) is not yet started.
- d. No cutting of Mangroves were observed by the team during the time of inspection.

On May 02, 2022, a PENRO Memorandum was issued to CENRO, Coron Palawan them to;

- a. Conduct regular monitoring activities on the remaining mangrove stands in the project site to ensure its protection







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- b. Conduct regular monitoring activities on the mountain quarry activities to prevent operation outside of the approved quarry site
- c. To ensure that necessary Area Clearance is secured from DENR before any further reclamation is conducted

On May 26, 2022 an Inter-Agency meeting was conducted at Coron Westown Resort. This meeting was attended by the following;

1. Representatives from DENR MIMAROPA led by Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio
2. Representatives from DENR Palawan led by PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc
3. Representatives from DENR Coron led by CENRO Arnoldo Blaza
4. Representative from the Local Government Office (MPDO, Mun. Engineering etc.)
5. Representatives of Sagip Coron Palawan
6. Representative of the Contractor /428 Hi-Tech Palawan Mr. Ernesto S. Mercado
7. DPWH Representative
8. Barangay Officials of affected barangays

On-site inspection was conducted and the different issues identified were discussed to determine responsibility and courses of action to be taken.( Please refer to the attached matrix of issues and concerns.)

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4	NHA	a. No ECC, Clearance form BPR-FMB, Building permit, SEP Clearance, Quarry Permit, Geohazard Identification Report, NWRB Water Permit b. On Going Operation despite issuance of CDO from FMB c. Titled Property within BPR d. within Unclassified Public Forest	a. Contractor to Stop Operation b. Install signage (Notice to the Public) c. Reiteration of previous issued CDO Note: DENR CO recommended to identify area outside BPR; LGU Coron will appeal to the Secretary this 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of June d. PMRB will issue CDO to the contractor of the aggregate	DENR CENRO, BPRMO, BLGU-San Nicolas, LGU	
5	MOUNTAIN QUARRY IN SAN NICOLAS	No ECC, SEP Clearance, Quarry Permit, Clearance from BPR  Within BPR Boundary  Waiting for the CDO to be issued by the MGB	EMB will issue CDO on May 27 and immediately the contractor to submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure, slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB and presented to the Body  EMB to request MGB assistance	428 Hi-Tech Group Inc. and BCT Construction Inc.  CENRO-Secretariat of Inter-Agency Task Force Coron	
6	BELLA TIOTANGCO	a. CDO was already issued by MGB on Dec. 1, 2021 due to extraction outside permit area b. CDO issued by EMB c. Improper excavation method resulting to steep/unstable slope	a. Contractor to submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure/slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB for evaluation, approval and immediate implementation  b. Once approved, Rehabilitation Plan to be presented to the Body for information	Bella Tiotangco	
7	Proposed Govt. Buildings and Facilities located at Sitio Dipulao, Brgy. Pob. VI, Coron	a. Issued CDO by EMB with recommendation for immediate rehabilitation b. Ongoing construction of stadium c. Ongoing GSLUP application by LGU	a. To submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure, slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB for evaluation, approval and immediate implementation  b. Secure ECC for the proposed building project within titled property (including SEP Clearance)	LGU	

PENRO Memorandum dated June 7, 2022 was issued instructing CENRO Allan Valle of DENR CENRO Taytay to instruct Engr. Marian Lachica to join the Region Survey Team to conduct survey of the existing reclamation project (Phase II) scheduled on June 10-11, 2022.

In view of the above, may we respectfully request that the follow-up meeting requested by Sagip Coron, Palawan be scheduled after the survey is finished and the maps have been submitted. This is needed to serve as reference for further action

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**ANNEX "I"**

June 30, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
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**THRU :** The Assistant Regional Director  
for Technical Services  
  
The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**FROM :** Forester II Arnel C. Gamutia

**SUBJECT :** **FOLLOW UP MEETING BETWEEN DENR PENRO, CENRO  
CORON AND PCSDS RE: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND  
CONCERNS IN THE CALAMIANES ISLAND, PALAWAN**

Reference to the recently conducted meeting presided by that office, please be informed that this office coordinated with the PCSDS through Executive Director, Atty. TJ Matta and made a follow up meeting together with PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc on June 29, 2022 at PCSDS Conference Room, Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City.

Virtual Zoom attendees were OIC-CENRO Rodney G. Verian and PCSDS-District Management Office, both of Coron, Palawan. The meeting was focused on the follow up discussion of the recently tackled environmental issues and concerns and the recent alleged issuance of Forfeiture Order dated June 16, 2022 the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) as reported by "Palawan News" to the Phase II 22 hectares reclamation project in Coron, Palawan, as follows:

- PENRO Palawan presented the discussed previously environmental issues and concerns through power point (*copy attached*).
- Identified mitigating measures to be undertaken, in relation to;
  - Siltation/turbidity of seawaters of Coron Bay (Adjacent to Reclamation Project).
  - Outflow/Inflow of fresh and salt water (Within Reclamation Project).
  - Damages to seagrass and mangroves (Within and adjacent Reclamation Project).
  - Cutting and dumping of mangroves in the proposed new market of MLGU of Coron located at Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan.
  - Coron Coliseum/Site: Analysis on the disaster risk reduction and management.
- The entire reclamation project should have a perimeter fence with corresponding drainage system before the start of filling of mountain quarry materials to avoid siltation in the bay, if ever the project will continue.
- Fifteen (15) meters of the filling materials in the landward portion of the project should be removed to give way the remaining mangrove stand and easy flow of fresh and salt water. Stated in the previous agreement.
- Drainage Plan to be submitted as previously agreed.



- 1.5 hectares of mangroves had been removed, destroyed and totally dumped. Hence, case build up was proposed.
- The buffer zone of mangrove areas has been filled with mountain quarry materials as this was not included in the reclamation Project to be indicated in the plan.

**Way forward:**

- Technical personnel of the PCSD, PENRO, CENRO Coron and Fish Right – Divers volunteer to be convened immediately to:
  - Assess the marine area adjacent to the reclamation project and its adjacent areas such as the Siete Picados as far as siltation and water pollution is concerned including water sampling.
  - Survey and assessment of damages of the cut and dumped with land materials mangrove area converted into public market of Coron, Palawan.
  - Survey and assessment of the road constructed within mangrove areas including reclaimed adjacent to Fernvale and area allegedly undertaken by the same.
- The PENRO and PCSD will jointly issue an Order for the field investigation and assessment of the proposed activities as soon as possible and to be finalized on July 8, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the training hall of PCSD for implementation of the aforementioned activities.
- In the said assessment, not merely the mangrove stand should be valued but it will include the presence of marine wildlife species, aviary, reptilian, shells, crabs, shrimp and other resource goods and services.
- With regards to the illegal mountain quarrying of materials and the construction of Coron Coliseum, it is requested for a separate group/team to be created along with the Reclamation and Public Market Team.
- The CENRO of Coron with EMB and MGB representatives will continuously conduct monitoring activities and submit a weekly monitoring report.

For information and record.

**ARNEL C. GAMUTIA**

**Noted by:**

  
**FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

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**CORON RECLAMATION PROJECT**

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, CONCERNS  
AND UPDATE

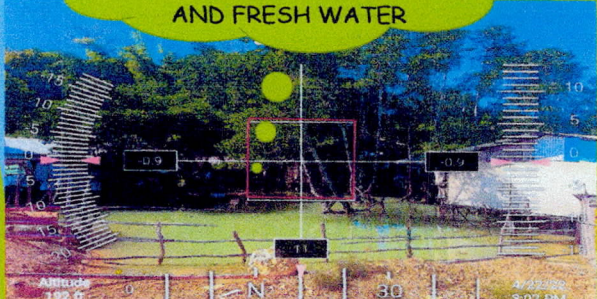
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MEASUREMENT OF THIS COASTLINE BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION  
LAND UPGRADE (STRAITS & PIERING AT DILAWAN)


1. ALLEGED DUMPING AND  
CUTTING OF MANGROVE  
TREES

2. CLOGGING OF SALT  
AND FRESH WATER




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3. ALLEGED ILLEGAL  
MOUNTAIN QUARRYING



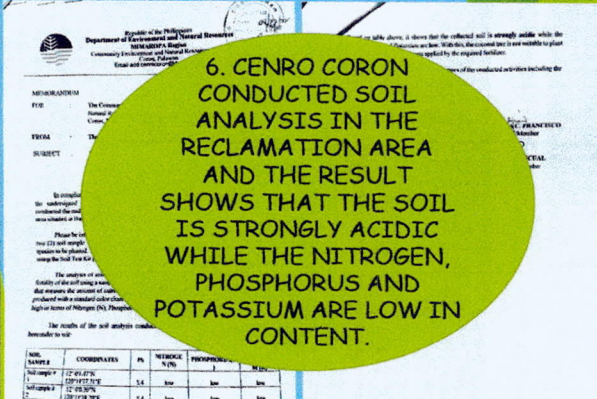
4. DUMPING OF MOUNTAIN QUARRY  
MATERIALS INTO STAND OF  
MANGROVES SPECIFICALLY IN THE  
PROPOSED MARKET SITE LOCATED AT  
SO. DIPULAO, BRGY. POBLACION 6,  
CORON, PALAWAN



5. THE EDGES OF  
RECLAMATION AREAS  
SHOWING SILTATION AND  
TURBIDITY IN THE COASTAL  
WATERS OF CORON BAY



6. CENRO CORON  
CONDUCTED SOIL  
ANALYSIS IN THE  
RECLAMATION AREA  
AND THE RESULT  
SHOWS THAT THE SOIL  
IS STRONGLY ACIDIC  
WHILE THE NITROGEN,  
PHOSPHORUS AND  
POTASSIUM ARE LOW IN  
CONTENT.



SAMPLE ID	COORDINATES	pH	NITROGEN (N)	PHOSPHORUS (P)	POTASSIUM (K)
1	12° 41' 47" N 124° 14' 17" E	5.4	low	low	low
2	12° 41' 47" N 124° 14' 17" E	5.4	low	low	low



