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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Director

Environmental Management Bureau

MIMAROPA Region

**FROM** 

The Regional Director

This Office

SUBJECT

Verification/Inspection on the Alleged Illegal Mountain

Quarrying in Sitio Bukal-Bukal 2, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron,

Palawan

This has reference to the alleged illegal mountain quarrying in Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan which was inspected and verified by the personnel of Environmental Management Bureau MIMAROPA and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Calamianes on September 07, 2022.

In this regard, may we respectfully request a copy of the verification/inspection report or a response from your office regarding the matter.

For the Regional Director's favorable action, please.

ELO C. NOBLE

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

MIMAROPA Region

THE CENR OFFICER

Community Environment and Natural Resources-Calamianes

Coron, Palawan







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06 January 2023

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#### Mr. R. Magallanes:

This refers to the letter dated 22 December 2022 requesting for updates on the mountain quarry sites rehabilitation plan, updated lists of MGB issued Area Status and Cease-and-Desist (CDO) and site visit of quarry sites in Coron, Palawan.

In this regard, please be informed of the following updates:

### A. Actual survey and/or proposed rehabilitation of the quarry sites.

Proponent	Activity/Commitments/Agreements		
BCT Construction and Trading, Inc.  Local Government Unit of Coron (Quarry site was operated by 428 Hi-Tech Group, Inc.)	<ul> <li>Conducted topographic survey in Brgys. Decalachao and San Nicolas on 30 June 30 to 15 July 2022;</li> <li>Required to submit a revised rehabilitation plan based on the result of the topographic survey; and</li> <li>Advised to prioritize the rehabilitation of the mountain quarry in Brgy. Poblacion 6 due to minor landslide.</li> <li>Conducted topograhic survey in Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan on 01-06 October 2022;</li> <li>Presented the result of the topographic survey through MPDC Mr. Michael Fababeir on 01 December 2022 in this Office.</li> <li>Advised to revise the engineering plan or rehabilitation design based on the topographic plan, and recommended to seek the assistance of DPWH on the proposed design.</li> </ul>		

## B. Lists of MGB issued Area Status and CDO.

To date, there were no recent Area Status issued for mountain quarry and sand and gravel projects permit applications in Coron, Palawan.

On the other hand, three (3) additional CDOs were issued by this Office to Mr. Efren Tejada, Rak Trading Construction and Mr. Frederick Sariego.

A total of seventeen (17) CDOs were issued by this Office in Coron, Palawan (see attached updated list of CDOs).

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#### C. Site visit of quarry sites in Coron, Palawan.

On 07 September 2022, the Environmental Management Bureau - MIMAROPA Region and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) – Coron conducted a field investigation on the alleged illegal mountain quarrying in Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron. Findings and observations on the said investigation were already requested by this Office in a Memorandum dated 06 January 2023.

On the same date, this Office requested CENRO – Coron to conduct a site visit to quarry areas in Coron, Palawan, specifically in Brgy. San Nicolas, due to the increasing concerns on unregulated quarrying activities (see attached Memorandum).

We shall forward you an update soon once we received the copies of the investigation reports from CENRO-Coron.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Regional director

ELO C. NOBLE

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## Mines and Geosciences Bureau - MIMAROPA Cease-and-Desist Orders in Coron, Palawan

(Updated as of 06 January 2023)

	Date Issued	Location	Violators
Person	26 February 2018	San Nicolas River, Sitio Calawag, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan	Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco Proprietor of BCT Trading and Construction
2	23 September 2020	Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco, President of BCT Construction
3	28 September 2020	Sitio Bisbis, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Jose Castro
4	25 January 2021	Busuanga Pasture Reserve, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco, President of BCT Construction
5	24 March 2021	Umaya River, Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Tederico G. Tiotangco, President of BCT Construction Inc.
6	22 June 2021	Papualan River, Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan	BCT Trading and Construction
7	01 December 2021	Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan	Ms. Bella C. Tiotangco
8	27 April 2022	Sitio Bisbis, Brgy, Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Jose Castro
9	28 April 2022	Barangays Guadalupe, Decalachao and San Jose, Coron, Palawan	BCT Construction Inc.
10	12 May 2022	Sitio Tabok, Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Renato Correa
11	12 May 2022	Labangan River, Sitio Abaca, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Jimmy Mandap
12	12 May 2022	Pinagpulungan, Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Ricardo Nacachi
13	30 May 2022	Barangay San Jose, Coron, Palawan	BCT Construction Inc.
14	06 June 2022	Busuanga Pasture Reserve, Coron, Palawan	428 Hi-Tech Group Inc.
15	19 July 2022	Busuanga Pasture Reserve, Coron, Palawan	Mr. Efren Tejada
16	14 September 2022	Gochi River in Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan	Rak Trading Construction
17	27 October 2022	Malabnao River, Brgy. San Rafael, Busuanga, Palawan	Mr. Frederick Sariego