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February 23, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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: The Regional Director
Mines and Geosciences Bureau- MIMAROPA Region
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THRU : The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM : Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

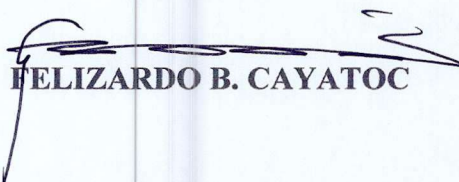
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Forwarded is the memorandum dated 19 January 2023 of CENRO Coron submitting the attached investigation reports dated 07 September 2022 and 19 January 2023 their office conducted in compliance to the memorandum instruction of MGB Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble dated 06 January regarding the above subject.


A joint investigation will be conducted on the same upon the arrival of PMRB officials.

For information, record.


FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

RG/EMM
Loc. No. 2023-1135

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By: 
Date: 28 FEB 2023



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MIMAROPA REGION
Community Environment and Natural Resources Office
Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan

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Regional Executive Director
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**DENR PENRO
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THRU : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

BY:
DATE: 12-10-2023 GN 23.

FROM : The OIC – Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

DATE : January 19, 2023

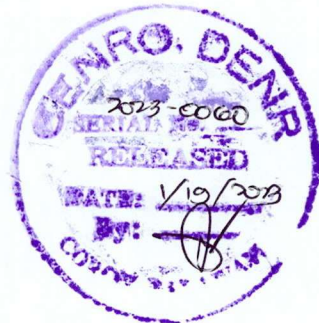
SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT ON ALLEGED MOUNTAIN
AND RIVER QUARRYING IN CORON, PALAWAN**

In compliance to memo instruction of MGB Regional Director Glenn Marcelo C. Noble dated January 06, 2023, respectfully submitted are our investigation reports this office dated September 7, 2022 and January 19, 2023.

Personnel of this office were immediately dispatched to conduct verification and investigation on the above subject matter specifically on alleged illegal mountain quarrying at Barangay Guadalupe and alleged illegal river quarrying by BCT Trading and Construction at Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan.

Be informed further that joint inspection and investigation will be still be conducted upon the arrival of PMRB Officials from the Provincial Government Office.

For information and record.



EDWIN I. CAC
OIC – Asst. CENRO (DMOIV)
In-Charge, Office of the CENRO

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

FROM : Forest Officers/Quick Response Team

DATE : January 19, 2023

SUBJECT : VERIFICATION/INVESTIGATION ON ALLEGED EXCAVATION/QUARRY ACTIVITY LOCATED AT BARANGAY GUADALUPE AND BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS, CORON, PALAWAN.

REMARKS :



Submitting our initial report upon the conduct of verification and ocular inspection as per MGB MIMAROPA Regional Director Memorandum dated January 06, 2023 on report/letter from Sagip Coron on alleged illegal mountain quarry at Barangay Guadalupe and illegal river quarry at Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan.

Relative to the above query and concern, this office immediately conducted follow-up verification as such;

1. Alleged mountain quarry at Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

Findings and actions taken;

- A) Confirmed reported to CENRO office on September 07, 2022, immediately verified and acted on same day joint with Barangay officials, EMB and Sagip Coron representatives. (Attached copy of report)
- B) Mr. Rolly Gacayan presents documents as his proof of claim on a portion of lot whom faithfully acquired therein.
- C) In good faith, Mr. Gacayan had just borrowed from a friend an equipment for his convenience purposely for a personal development.
- D) As a result of a dialogue taken at this office, violation has been emphasize and ordered for the stoppage of said activity and require the above proponent to secure such pertinent permits for him to pursue his development intention.
- E) For the record, this office had issued letter order to stop his operation dated September 29, 2022. (Attached copy of letter)

2. Alleged illegal river quarry at Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan.

Findings and actions taken;

- a) On January 17, 2023, the undersigned conducted location site ocular and verification in coordination with the Punong Barangay therein witnessed ongoing mixing activity at their established batching plant.
- b) Punong Barangay Jerson Elbat revealed that BCT/One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corporation had coordinated for the continuing road concreting project to Sitio Aran road which aggregates will be source out along the river.
- c) Location site was found to be within the claim area of former Vice Mayor Jim Gerald Pe's parents and accordingly said activity was with the consent of PMRB and Former Governor Jose C. Alvarez.
- d) As per confirmation to the Calamian PMRB in-charge Ms. Ma. Teresa Casareno, she revealed the pending the permit approval/released of Renato Correa and to ease delay of the said project they allowed temporarily in favor of the aforesaid contractor. Unfortunately, no documentary papers was undertaken.
- e) As per verification, the phase project was already consummated and finished.

Lastly, on our message conversation with Ms. Ma. Teresa Casareno of PMRB - Calamian, the PMRB Supervisors had scheduled for an ocular inspection and requested for a joint with personnel of this office to take some regulations on all concerns and issues involving similar activities here in Coron.

Attached herewith photos and copy of previous report undertaken for reference.

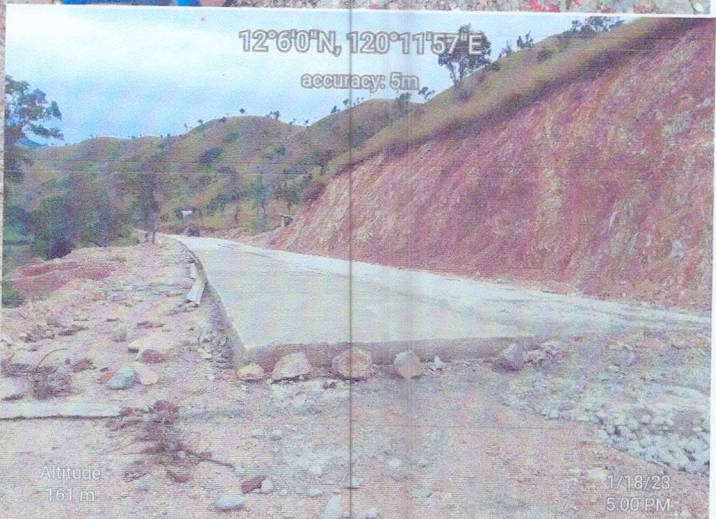
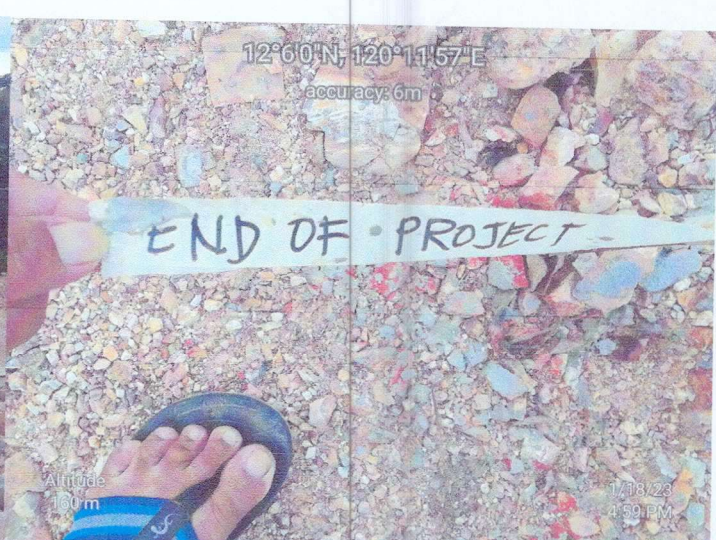
For information, record and further instruction.

For and by the QRT Team,

ELIZALDE M. SEGUNDO
Forest Technician II
Team Leader



Batching Plant of BCT/One Hundred Percent Construction and Development Corp within the area of Jim Gerald Pe nearby the river

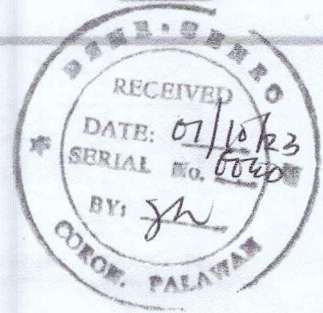


Finished Phase project which the aggregates utilized



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06 January 2023

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 : Unregulated Quarrying Activities in Coron, Palawan

This refers to the attached letter dated 22 December 2022 of Mr. Roberto Magallanes, volunteer from Sagip Coron, on the above subject.

Based on the said letter, Sagip Coron reported to CENRO – Coron an alleged illegal mountain quarrying activity in Brgy. Guadalupe on 07 September 2022 for investigation.

Furthermore, an illegal river quarrying activity in Brgy. San Nicolas, allegedly operated by BCT Trading and Construction, was reported to Sagip Coron by a concerned citizen.

Hence, this Office is requesting for an update on the reported alleged illegal mountain quarrying activity in Brgy. Guadalupe and to investigate the alleged illegal river quarrying activity in Brgy. San Nicolas, render appropriate actions to address the allegations stated therein, and furnish us a copy of the report.

For the CENRO's action, please.


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE

Enc'l: As stated

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IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."**

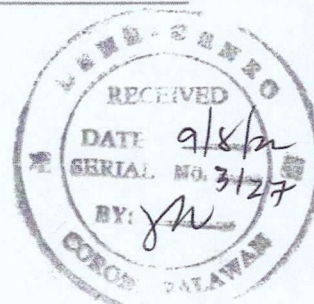




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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Barangay Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer**
FROM : **Forest Officers/Quick Response Team**
DATE : September 07, 2022
SUBJECT : **VERIFICATION ON EXCAVATION/QUARRY ACTIVITY LOCATED AT SITIO BUKAL-BUKAL, BARANGAY GUADALUPE, CORON, PALAWAN.**
REMARKS :



Submitting our report upon the conduct of verification and ocular inspection taken on September 07, 2022 at Sitio Bukal-bukal, Barangay Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

The verification and ocular inspection leads us through the report received by this office from Sagip Coron represented by **Mr. Rudy Cadampog** on alleged quarry activity at Sitio Bukal-bukal, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan.

Eventually a claimant **Mr. Rolly Gacayan** admit himself as in-charge of the excavation using a backhoe equipment purposely to clear and flatten his area in preparation for the construction of a small residential house. Unfortunately, no clearances/permits secured for the said activity. The **punong barangay Enrico Sadang** confirms non-issuance of any clearances concerning his activity. Immediately the team advised him to totally stop and present himself for a dialogue at the CENRO office (3:00 PM).

During the said meeting, **MGB and EMB** emphasizes violations towards his activity and in good faith Mr. Gacayan admitted though unintentional hence his activity was just his personal purpose. Then it was reiterated to stop and refrain such any activity and let the equipment pull out in the area. In addition to the issue of the land dispute, the Barangay set to conduct same dialogue on all concern and affected.

Further, the CENRO thru MGB will be issuing a notice of violation address to Mr. Rolly Gacayan.

For information, record and further instruction.

For and by the QRT Team,


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29 September 2022

Mr. Rolly Gacayan

Sitio Bukal-Bukal, Brgy. Guadalupe
Coron, Palawan

10/5/22
R. Gacayan

Dear Mr. R. Gacayan:

Good day!

This is in reference to your illegal quarry operation in Sitio Bukal-Bukal, Brgy. Guadalupe, Coron which has been confirmed and caught by the personnel of this office. Given that no legal documents were provided, this constitutes violating Section 103 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, which states that;

"Theft of Minerals – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals mineral or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (Php 10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (Php 20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court."

Moreover, mineral products extracted without permits are considered illegally sourced minerals. Section 116, Chapter XII of DAO 2010-21 provides the definition of this term.

"Illegally sourced minerals/mineral products are those which are mined, extracted, removed and/or disposed without the authority or permit under existing mining laws, rules and regulation."

In line with this, you are ordered to immediately stop your operation. However, if you wish to continue the activity, you are suggested to acquire a Certificate of Accreditation from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) MIMAROPA Region. If the earth materials are to be transported, an Ore Transport Permit from MGB must also be secured.

Regards,

For and in the absence of the CENRO

JEFFREY C. CASTRO

Forester II

In-Charge of the Office of CENR

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