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Illegal Miner Pleaded Guilty

Last January 26, 2016, Mr. Renan Lerongan, of legal age and a resident of Brgy. Pig-sag-an Cagayan de Oro City pleaded guilty to the charge of Illegal Exploration, before Hon. Marites Filomena B. Rana-Bernales, Presiding Judge of RTC 39, Cagayan de Oro City.

To recall, On May 11, 2015, the Task Force Kinaiyahan conducted monitoring against illegal mining and logging along the stretch of Iponan River and caught the accused conducting mining operation without any permit, which is in violation of R.A. 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

During the operation, Task Force Kinaiyahan confiscated one unit pump, 200 grams margaha and other mining paraphernalia used in the illegal mining operation.

Mr. Lerongan was properly turned over to the National Bureau of Investigation for further investigation, after which the Mines and Geosciences Bureau filed a solid case against him under Section 103 of R.A. 7942, for Illegal exploration docketed as CRIMINAL CASE NO. 2015-097.

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