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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ILLEGAL MINING: DREDGING IN GLADDEN CAYE, STANN CREEK DISTRICT**

**Belmopan City, November 9, 2016.** The Ministry of Natural Resources is reminding the Gladden Caye Resort Ltd. and its agent that a CEASE and DESIST order was issued on November 2, 2016. The Ministry is in the process of levying the necessary penalties under **Sections 2 & 109 of the Mines and Minerals Act Chapter 226, Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 – 2003.** The Developer is further advised to contact the Mining Unit, Ministry of Natural Resources no later than November 15, 2016.

The Ministry reminds the general public that it is an offence to mine, prospect and/or remove minerals without first obtaining a permit/license from the Mining Unit of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Any person who is found carrying out these activities without the requisite permit or license will be held liable on conviction to fines and imprisonment under the **Mines and Minerals Act Chapter 226, Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 – 2003.**

The Ministry further advises that an Environmental Compliance Plan (ECP) issued by the Department of the Environment, is **not** a permit and approvals are still required from the requisite regulatory bodies for permits for various activities under the ECP.

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