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NOMINEES FROM PAKISTAN POTTERY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

NOMINEE FROM PAKISTAN STEEL LINEPIPE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

---- RESPONDENTS

DECISION #74 (110 - 279)

PASSED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF FPCCI (FPCCI ELECTIONS 2024-2025)

Consequent upon Appellant's written representation / appeal to the Election Commission of FPCCI, received on 18th November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Sh. Omer Sarfaraz, nominee of Pakistan Pottery Manufacturers Association, against the decision of the Secretary General of FPCCI, as follows:

Decision of the Secretary General:

"After going through the said arguments and the documents referred/ submitted, my finding are as follows;

- 1. The nominees have valid Membership Certificates for the years.
- 2. Regarding the objection raised by the objector regarding business profile of the nominee on Corporate Class. This is the evident that the company is well maintained the Pottery business with the registered name as "Waheed Pottery Works", this company is also returned in FBR and has provided proof of 50 Million.
- The nominee of Associate class has submitted valid documents of NTN.
- 4. The Association has provided all the necessary documents of the nominees.

In the light of above both the nominees seems to valid and to remained in the provisional list of voters. The Complaint is declines."





Hearing Proceedings:

This appeal has been instituted by Sh. Omer Sarfaraz CEO M/s. Eagle International (Pvt.) Ltd.

In order to provide both the parties an equal right of representation and plead their respective stances, the Election Commission of FPCCI granted both parties with the hearing opportunity on 20th November, 2023 at FPCCI Head Office Karachi.

Mr. Ghulam Sabir Malik, Advocate High Court, appeared for the Appellant while Mr. Asad Ullah Jan, Advocate High Court appeared on behalf of the Respondents. The main contention(s) of the Appellant are:

The principal activity of the Respondents is "ceramics" and not "pottery". Moreover, they have not provided any substantial proof of involvement in the trade of ceramics as well.

In response, the learned Counsel for the Respondents submitted copies of income tax returns showing turnover higher than Rs. 50 million. The Respondent also appeared on Zoom call and explained that Waheed Pottery Works is engaged in manufacturing of mugs and other kitchenware, which could not be equated with ceramics sanitary ware. Hence it fully qualifies as Pottery Manufacturer.

Decision of the Election Commission of FPCCI:

The documents provided on behalf of the Respondents support their eligibility for the respective classes. On the other hand, no evidence has been furnished by the Appellant to substantiate his contentions. As such, the instant appeal is not maintainable and is hereby dismissed.

ASHFAQ AHMED TUNIO

This order is passed on Thursday, 23rd November 2023.

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