

# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION – FPCCI

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18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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NOMINEES FROM PAKISTAN POTTERY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

----- RESPONDENTS

## HEARING # 63 (110 – 279)

### HEARING CALLED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF FPCCI (FPCCI ELECTIONS 2024-2025)

Please refer to the Appeal dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 received through e-Mail on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Mr. Omer Sarfraz, representing Pakistan Steel Linepipe Industry Association to the Election Commission of FPCCI, against the decision of the Secretary General of FPCCI.

The Election Commission of FPCCI is pleased to grant the appellant(s) and the respondent(s) a **hearing opportunity in person** or through their **authorized representative** (with letter of authorization from the Appellant(s) / Respondent(s)) before the Election Commission of FPCCI alongwith all original / relevant documents, as per following schedule:

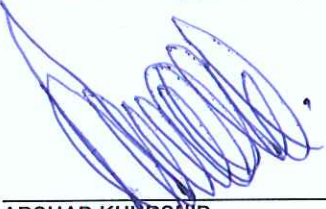
Day & Date: **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
Time: **Between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
Venue: **Basement 2, FPCCI Head Office Karachi**

FPCCI has arranged special Zoom link facility for the outstation Appellant(s) / Respondent(s). Those who are unable to attend physically may avail the hearing via Zoom Link, by the following link:

Zoom ID: 764 276 3799  
Password: fpcci1214  
Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7642763799>

Punctuality of time is requested. Also you are requested to be precise and brief.

In case of non- appearance, the case shall be decided ex-parte.



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Member of the Election Commission



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Member of the Election Commission



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Member of the Election Commission

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Election Commission,  
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Chamber of Commerce and Industries,  
Karachi.

**APPEAL UNDER RULE 18(6) OF THE TRADE ORGANIZATION RULES, 2013  
AGAINST ORDER DATED 15.11.2023 PASSED IN COMPLAINT UNDER RULE  
18(4) OF THE AFORESAID RULES BY SECRETARY GENERAL FEDERATION  
OF PAKISTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, KARACHI**

Respectfully Sheweth,

That the undersigned has filed the instant representation, being aggrieved of the order dated 15.11.2023 "Impugned Order" passed by the Office of the Secretary General of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry "Chair" consequent to the objection petitions filed under Rule 18(4) of the Trade Organization Rules, 2013 and heard on 13.11.2023 and 14.11.2023. The undersigned raised objections against the nominations of Mr. Soban Zaher Butt (EC & GB) Corporate Class and Mr. Saeed Ahmed Butt (GB) Associate Class, nominated by Pakistan Pottery Manufacturing Association.

The Chair declined the objections raised by the Appellant by giving the observations as follow:

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

That on the basis of aforementioned observations the Chair rendered the decision as follow: "In the light of the above both nominees seems to valid and to remain in the provisional voter list".

That the undersigned being aggrieved by the Impugned Order has challenged the same on the grounds as follows:

1. That the Impugned Order suffers from misreading and nonreading of the facts and record which were also submitted by the counsel for the undersigned during the course of proceedings.
2. That the Chair failed to recognize the primary grievance of the undersigned that the Respondent mere by incorporating a business entity by the name of the trade do not entitles the Respondent to represent the individuals of that very trade as in the case of instant appeal whereby one of the individual has a business concern with only nomenclature of "M/S Waheed Pottery Works". The Chair only relying upon the Online Verification Profile of the Respondent, sought from the FBR's website whereby the principal activity of the Respondent was shown as "Ceramics". Even for the sake of argument if the Respondent is involved in the trade of ceramics as provided by their NTN profile, the trade of ceramics is distinguishable from the trade of pottery and can not be considered interchangeable. Moreover, the Respondent was not able to provide any substantial proof of the existence of any active business concern involved in the trade of the ceramics. The Hon'ble Courts have already passed a decision in the elections matter of FPCCI whereby they distinguished the trade of tannery from the leather goods. Therefore, the instant appeal may please be treated in the same accordance and the trades of ceramics and pottery may please be bifurcated.

**PRAYER:**

In the light of facts and circumstances as mentioned above, it is respectfully prayed from this Hon'ble Court that the nominations sent by Pakistan Pottery Manufacturers Association may please be deleted from the Provisional Voter List for the year 2024-2025, as the trades of pottery and ceramics are distinguishable and can not be interchanged with one another. Moreover, the Respondents have not provided any substantial proof of their involvement in the trade of ceramics as well, other than the NTN profile whereby the principal activity was declared as "Ceramics" and the aforesaid document can not be perceived as an exhaustive evidence to satisfy that Respondents are involved in the trade of pottery and possess legitimacy to represent the trade organization of the business on whose behalf the nominations have been sent.

EAGLE INTERNATIONAL (PVT) LTD

  
Chief Executive  
Appellant

Sh. Omer Sarfaraz

Dated: 18-11-2023