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18th November 2023

Through E-mail, Website

URGENT & IMPORTANT

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NOMINEES FROM SKARDU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

----- RESPONDENTS

HEARING # 66 (116 – 289)

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

Please refer to the Appeal received through e-Mail on 17th November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Mr. Ehtesham Zaman, representing Attock Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 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, 20th November 2023**
Time: **Between 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 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.



ARSHAD KHURSHID
Member of the Election Commission



ASHFAQ AHMED TUNIO
Member of the Election Commission



ANJUM RASHEED BAWA
Member of the Election Commission

Copy to: Directorate General of Trade Organizations, Islamabad
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Election Commission,
Federation of Pakistan
Chamber of Commerce and Industries,
Karachi.

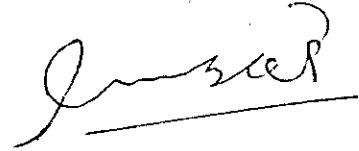
**APPEAL UNDER RULE 18(6) OF THE TRADE ORGANIZATION RULES, 2013
AGAINST ORDER DATED 15.11.2023 PASSED IN COMPLAINT UNDER RULE
18(4) OF THE AFORESAID RULES BY SECRETARY GENERAL FEDERATION
OF PAKISTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, KARACHI**

Respectfully Sheweth,

That the undersigned filed the objections under Rule 18(4) of the Trade Organization Rules, 2013 against the nominations sent by Skardu Chamber of Commerce and Industries on both nominees hailing from Associate and Corporate Class namely, Mr. Abid Ali and Mr. Arif Mehmood. That upon the decision by Secretary General the undersigned came to know that the objections were withdrawn. It is stated that the undersigned never withdrew the objections and same were withdrawn by forgery and misrepresenting the undersigned. Therefore, it is prayed that the instant objections may please be reinstated and heard at this August Forum.

Dated: 17 November 2023

Applicant Ehtesham Zaman





**Skardu Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Skardu**

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Lic # 289

No. Skardu CCI/Appeal/2024-25

November 18, 2023

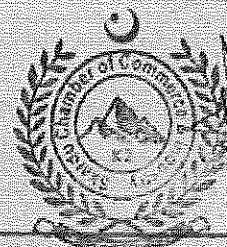
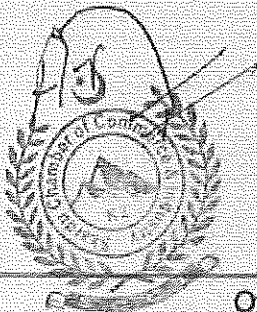
The Election Commission
FPCCI Election 2024-2925,
Federation House, Main Clifton,
Abdullah Shah Ghazi Road,
KARACHI.

Subject : Hearing called by the Secretary General, FPCCI (FPCCI Election 2024-25).
- Appeal against decision No. 116 (289) Passed by the Secretary General
FPCCI.

Dear Sir,

Skardu Chamber of Commerce & Industry has received the Impugned order regarding complaint of Mr. Ehtisham Zaman, CEO M/s Benison Marketing (Pvt.) Ltd, Attack vide letter # FPCCI.EL.2024-25/2023/12145, DATED 15TH November, 2023.

1. We attended the hearing at zoom on 13TH November, 2023 subsequently on November 15, 2023 we received order of the secretary general that complainant Mr. Ehtesham Zaman has withdrawn his complaint and therefore complaint is dismissed. Copy of said email is attached for your kind perusal.
2. Later on, after decision of the honorable secretary general, we again received a new order No. FPCCI.EL2024-25/2023/-12190 through email on 17th November 2023 that nominations from SKardu Chamber of Commerce are not entitled to include in provisional list of voters issued on 4th November 2023. We are surprised how the new order can be issued once the complainant has withdrawn his complaint and without providing proper opportunity of hearing to other party.
3. That the Gilgit Baltistan is exempt from income tax, Income Tax Return is not mandatory if the income is exempt, tax is payable on taxable income. Mr. Abid Ali has business both in Pakistan and Gigit also. Reporting of revenue to tax authority in gilgit is not applicable under the law.





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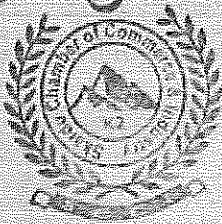
4. We provided evidence that nominees are from Corporate class and Associate, it seems the honorable secretary general could not check the attached record. Mr. Arif belongs to Associate Class and 50m Revenue condition does not apply on associate class.
5. Both of the nominees are providing services in Gilgit Baltistan, services are not chargeable to sales tax in Gilgit Baltistan. Even there is not sales tax authority in Gilgit which can regulate the sales tax on services. Sales Tax registration is required only for the person who conducts taxable activity in the region. Complaint raised by the complainant is based on guess work not based on facts.
6. Further, 300 members are required for the renewal of the chamber license. There is no such bar for casting vote in election.

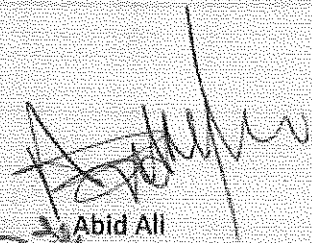
Prayer:

It is prayed to maintain the first order of the secretary general of the FPCCI against the complaint.

With Best Regard


Arif Mehmood




Abid Ali

