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DECISION NO. 011 (186)
PASSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FPCCI

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SUBJECT: **REPLY TO THE OBJECTION UNDER RULE 18(4) OF THE TRADE ORGANIZATIONS RULES 2013 AGAINST THE INCLUSION OF NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY GWADAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AT SERIAL NOS. 18, MR. ABDUL BASIT (EC/GB ASSOCIATE) AND 19, MR. DUR MUHAMMAD (GB CORPORATE) IN THE ADDITIONAL LIST OF NOMINATIONS DATED 23-11-2026, FPCCI ELECTION 2027-28.**

This is with reference to objections received on 24th November 2026 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi, from Mr. Umer Rehan, nominee on EC&GB Corporate, from Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturers Association, on the nominations of Mr. Abdul Basit (EC&GB Associate) and Mr. Dur Muhammad (GB Corporate), from Gwadar CCI for FPCCI Elections 2027-2028.

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Objections raised by the Appellant:

Objection has been raised regarding the classification of nominations, non-renewal of the License of the Association, business activities of the nominees does not relate to the association and nominees' ineligibility and Zero turnover.

FPCCI's Findings:

a) Included under the directive of DGTO, vide Order No. 95/2026, F.No. 6(58)/2026 dated 29th October 2026.
b) Classification does not fall as per criteria of Corporate and Associate Class.
c) Business does not match with the jurisdiction of Mr. Dur Muhammad GB Corporate, as per his NTN.
d) The RTO Office as per FBR NTN shows the Tax Office is RTO Quetta.
e) As per FPCCI records, the license is valid of Gwadar CCI upto 30th October 2029.

Decision by the Secretary General:

Keeping in view of the above findings, the jurisdiction of M/s. Moheen Construction Co. of Mr. Dur Muhammad, CEO of the Company, exists in Gulistan-e-Johar, Karachi, therefore his nomination is excluded/rejected.

While the nomination of Mr. Abdul Basit, EC&GB Associate is found in order, therefore objection on his nomination is hereby rejected.

Brig Iftikhar Opel, SI(M), Retd
Secretary General

Copy to:

1. The Regulator of Trade Organizations (DGTO), Islamabad
2. The Election Commission, FPCCI

Maria Edible Oil Industries (Pvt) Ltd.

Dated: November 24, 2026,

FPCCI DATE 24/11/26. R. NO. 011 KARACHI

The Secretary General,
Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
Federation House, Main Clifton Block 5,
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Karachi.

Subject:- ***Objection under Rule 18(4) of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 upon the provisional / additional voter list issued on 23-11-2026, regarding inclusion of the representative of the Gawadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry nominating Mr. Abdul Basit as EC & GB (Associate) and Mr. Dur Muhammad, CEO Mohin Construction Company, as corporate member (GB) (Corporate) , nominated by Gawadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in the Additional list of nominations issued on 23-11-2026, pursuant to DGTO letter dated 29-10-2026.***

Dear Sir,

The undersigned hereby raises the following objections against the inclusion of the above-named nominees of the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry in the additional voter list for the FPCCI Elections 2027–2028, on the grounds that neither the nominees fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria for their respective membership classes nor does the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry appear to be fulfilling the statutory requirements for its continued functioning as a licensed trade organization under the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013.

1. Statutory requirements for eligibility to participate in FPCCI elections

That Article 15 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) provides that the members of the Electoral College shall be eligible to vote only if they fulfil the conditions prescribed under Section 10 of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the "2013 Act") and the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the "2013 Rules"). That Rule 15(1) of the 2013 Rules, subject to the provisions of Section 10 of the 2013 Act, prescribes the following conditions for eligibility of a member of a trade organization to vote in its elections:

"(a) the member has completed two years of valid membership of the trade organization as on the date of announcement of election schedule by the executive committee of the trade organization;

Provided that old members shall be eligible to vote on completion of one year of their enrollment and payment of all dues; and

(b) the member has fulfilled the conditions of membership and renewal thereof of the respective trade organization under rule 11."

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That the above statutory requirements are equally relevant to the constitution of the Electoral College of the FPCCI. Consequently, a trade organization and its nominees cannot be permitted to participate in the FPCCI elections unless the trade organization itself possesses valid legal status and its nominated members fulfil the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

2. Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry is allegedly defunct and not fulfilling statutory requirements

That the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry is not functioning as an effective and operational trade organization and is allegedly defunct inasmuch as it is not fulfilling the statutory obligations, regulatory requirements and directions issued under the 2013 Act and the 2013 Rules.

That the continued inclusion of its nominees in the Electoral College of the FPCCI, without first establishing that the Chamber holds a valid and subsisting licence and has complied with the mandatory requirements governing its operations, membership, renewal and regulatory compliance, would be contrary to the statutory scheme of the 2013 Act and the 2013 Rules.

That the FPCCI, being the apex trade organization, is required to ensure that only duly licensed and legally compliant trade organizations, through their duly qualified members, participate in its electoral process. Accordingly, the licensing status and statutory compliance of the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry are required to be verified from the office of the Director General Trade Organizations (DGTO) before accepting its nominations.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE ABOVE

3. Mr. Abdul Basit, Proprietor R & R Fisheries, does not fulfil the eligibility criteria for Associate Membership (EC & GB)

That the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry has nominated Mr. Abdul Basit, Proprietor of R & R Fisheries, as its representative from the Associate Class for the Executive Committee and General Body of the FPCCI.

However, the said nominee does not fulfil the prescribed criteria for being a valid Associate Member of the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The available information does not establish that R & R Fisheries is an actual, operational and legally identifiable business concern being carried on by Mr. Abdul Basit, nor has the requisite documentary evidence been furnished to establish the existence and nature of the business, its commercial activities and its eligibility for membership of the Chamber.

That mere description of an individual as a proprietor of a business concern, without supporting documentary evidence establishing the actual existence and operation of such business, cannot confer upon him the status of a valid Associate Member of a trade organization. The nominee has filed its ITR having the Zero turn over.

Consequently, in the absence of satisfactory documentary evidence establishing the existence of R & R Fisheries and the eligibility of Mr. Abdul Basit under the applicable membership requirements, his nomination as Associate Member (EC & GB) is liable to be rejected.

4. Mr. Dur Muhammad, CEO Mohin Construction Company, does not fulfil the eligibility criteria for Corporate Membership (GB)

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That the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry has also nominated Mr. Dur Muhammad, Chief Executive Officer of Mohin Construction Company, as its representative from the Corporate Class for the General Body of the FPCCI.

However, the said nominee does not fulfil the statutory and regulatory requirements for being classified as a Corporate Member of the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry. No satisfactory documentary evidence has been furnished to establish that Mohin Construction Company is a duly incorporated body corporate or otherwise fulfils the prescribed requirements for Corporate Class membership under the applicable law and rules.

Furthermore, the mere designation of an individual as Chief Executive Officer of a purported business concern does not, by itself, establish that such concern is a legally incorporated company or that the individual fulfills the prescribed eligibility criteria for Corporate Membership. The business concern does not meet the threshold of 50 million turnover of being a corporate member of the Gawadar Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The nominee is, therefore, required to establish through verifiable documentary evidence the legal constitution, registration, actual business operations and relevant financial and tax status of Mohin Construction Company, as applicable to the Corporate Class under the 2013 Act, the 2013 Rules and the applicable directives of the DGTO.

In the absence of such evidence, the nomination of Mr. Dur Muhammad as a Corporate Member (GB) is without lawful basis and cannot be sustained.

5. Ineligibility of a person to represent a trade organization if the underlying membership is invalid

That the Honourable Islamabad High Court, in its judgment reported as **2021 CLD 204, titled Aftab Ahmed Barlas v. Director General Trade Organizations and Others (W.P. No. 4172/2019)**, has recognized the principle that where an individual does not fulfil the legal requirements for membership of a trade organization, such individual cannot claim eligibility to represent that trade organization in the electoral process of the FPCCI.

Thus, the eligibility of the nominees cannot be determined merely on the basis of their nomination letters or their inclusion in the provisional voter list. Their underlying membership status must independently satisfy the statutory requirements. Where the very basis of membership is legally deficient, the consequential nomination to the FPCCI Electoral College cannot be sustained.

6. Verification and scrutiny of the additional voter list

That the names of the above-mentioned nominees have been included in the additional/provisional voter list issued on 23-11-2026, pursuant to the DGTO letter dated 29-10-2026. However, inclusion in a provisional voter list does not create an indefeasible right to participate in the elections, particularly where the eligibility of the nominees and the legal status of the nominating trade organization are specifically disputed.

The FPCCI is, therefore, under an obligation to undertake proper scrutiny of the nominations and ensure that the Electoral College comprises only duly qualified representatives of legally compliant trade organizations.

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PRAYER

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that:

a. The present objection may kindly be entertained under Rule 18(4) of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013, against the inclusion of the nominees of the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry in the Additional /provisional voter list issued on 23-11-2026.

b. The licensing status and statutory compliance of the Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry may be verified from the office of the Director General Trade Organizations, particularly with regard to its continued legal status and fulfilment of the requirements of the 2013 Act and the 2013 Rules.

c. The nomination of **Mr. Abdul Basit, Proprietor R & R Fisheries**, as Associate Member (EC & GB), may kindly be rejected and his name deleted from the provisional voter list unless he establishes, through verifiable documentary evidence, his eligibility as a valid Associate Member.

d. The nomination of **Mr. Dur Muhammad, CEO Mohin Construction Company**, as Corporate Member (GB), may likewise be rejected and his name deleted from the provisional voter list unless he establishes, through verifiable documentary evidence, his eligibility as a valid Corporate Member.

e. The Gwadar Chamber of Commerce & Industry may be directed to produce the relevant membership records, business registration documents, NTN particulars, tax returns and other requisite documentary evidence establishing the eligibility of both nominees under the applicable legal framework.

f. The above-mentioned nominees may not be permitted to participate in the FPCCI electoral process unless and until their eligibility and the legal status of the nominating trade organization are duly verified in accordance with law. The objection is submitted in the interest of transparency, legality and fairness in the electoral process of the FPCCI.

Yours faithfully,

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