

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid VC Option)

Appeal No. 33/2023

M/s Malbros International Pvt. Ltd.

...Appellant.

Versus

Punjab Pollution Control Board & Ors.
And

...Respondents.

Appeal No. 34/2023

M/s Malbros International Pvt. Ltd.

...Appellant.

Versus

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...Respondents.

Date of hearing: 09.02.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Appellant: Mr. A. R. Takkar, Ms. Himani Bhadauria and Bhargava Ravikumar, Advocates for Appellants.

Respondents: Mr. Prateek K. Chadha, DAG and Mr. Sreekar Aechuri, Advocate for State of Punjab.
Mr. Naginder Benipal and Mr. Ankit Siwach, Advocates for PPCB.
Ms. Tanisha Samanta, Advocate for CPCB (through VC).

**Appeals under Section 18 (1) read with section 16 and 17 of the
National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.**

ORDER

1. Both these appeals arise out of orders dated 05.09.2023 passed by the Appellate Authority upholding order dated 04.07.2023 passed by the Chairman PPCB revoking consent to operate granted to the appellant industry.

2. O.A. No. 606/2022 titled as Public Action Committee vs. State of Punjab seeking inter alia the reliefs of sealing the industry- M/s Malbros International Pvt. Ltd. (Distillery), situated at Zira (Punjab) for their illegal acts of contaminating soil as well as Ground Water Table and quality in radius of around 4 Km by dumping the effluent after excavating the top earth surface of its adjoining plot as well as by discharging the same into Earth by method of deep reverse boring. Prayer has also been made for imposition of environmental compensation of Rs. 100/- crore on the Project Proponent.

3. A reference was made in O.A. No. 606/2022 titled as Public Action Committee vs. State of Punjab for hearing by a larger Bench and after obtaining approval from Hon'ble the Chairperson and the same was listed for hearing and is now pending before three Members Bench headed by Hon'ble the Chairperson.

4. We are of the considered view that it will be appropriate that the present appeals, which are connected with the above said matter, be also heard by the above said Bench and accordingly the registry is directed to list these appeals before the above said Bench on the date of hearing fixed i.e., 14.02.2024 after obtaining appropriate orders from Hon'ble the Chairperson.

5. In the meanwhile, the parties are directed to complete their pleadings by filing reply/rejoinder along with the relevant documents, as the case may be, before that date.

6. A photo state copy of this order be placed in the record of Appeal No 34/2024.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr.Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 9th, 2024
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