ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No. 227 of 2015

Date	Order with signature of Judge

1. For order on office objection "A".
2. For hearing of Bail application.

14.09.2022.

Ms. Ismat Mehdi, Advocate for Applicants.
Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Baloch, Assistant Attorney General.

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This Criminal Bail Application was filed in respect of FIR No. 06/2015 lodged with P.S. FIA, CBC, Karachi, then pending before the Special Court (Offences in Bank) and vide Order dated 24.02.2015, ad-interim pre-arrest bail was granted to the Applicants, which is continuing since then. It appears that this Criminal Bail Application was subsequently tagged with some Petitions filed in respect of willful default; though it had no nexus with it and was not taken up independently on any subsequent date. On the last date of hearing we had raised an objection to that effect, and today, Ms. Ismat Mehdi, Advocate for the Applicants submits that matter has now been transferred to the Banking Court, at Karachi, pursuant to Order dated 02.10.2017 passed by a learned Division Bench of this Court in Criminal Miscellaneous Application No. 05 of 2017 *(Azim Ahmed vs. The State)* and others connected matters, therefore, this Criminal Bail Application be converted into Protective Bail enabling the Applicants to surrender before the concerned Trial Court and obtain bail accordingly.

In view of such position, this Criminal Bail Application is converted into application seeking protective bail. Applicants are accordingly granted protective bail for a period of ten (10) days from today on the basis of the sureties already furnished by them with the Nazir of this Court to enable them to appear before the concerned Trial Court. This order shall remain in field for the aforesaid period and shall cease to have its effect on 24.09.2022 or upon surrender of the Applicants before the concerned Court, whichever is earlier in time.

The aforesaid Criminal Bail Application stands disposed of in the above terms.

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