ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI Crl. Bail Application No. 212 of 2022.

Date Order with signature of Judge

For hearing of bail application.

11th August 2022

Mr. S.M. Intikhab Alam, advocate alongwith applicants, who are present in Court on interim pre-arrest bail.

Mr. Ali Abbas Khan, advocate for the complainant. Ms. Seema Zaidi, Addl. P.G. Sindh.

Relevant facts to decide this bail application are that complainant sought

directions for lodgment of FIR under Section 22-A & 22-B Cr.P.C. by filing Criminal Misc. Application No. 3727/2021 before II-Addl. Sessions Judge/Ex-Officio Justice of Peace, Karachi East; on such directions, an FIR was lodged with regard to illegal connection of Sui Southern Gas in the premises, owned by the complainant.

Heard and perused the record.

Admittedly, Sui Southern Gas Company was not approached in time and their officials are formal witnesses as per calendar. With regard to illegal connection in connivance with Sui gas officials in the premises which is in dispute, it is yet to be determined at trial. Hence, apparently, civil dispute is converted into criminal litigation, therefore, malice in law or fact cannot be ruled out. Besides, there is no allegation of misuse of concession of bail on the part of applicant. Accordingly, interim pre-arrest bail already granted to the applicant/accused is hereby confirmed on the same terms and conditions.

The instant bail application is disposed of in the above terms.