ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Special Criminal Bail Application No. 14 of 2023

Date

Order with signature of Judge

HEARING OF BAIL APPLICATION.

- 1) For Orders on M. A. No. 2558/2023. (U/A)
- 2) For Orders on M. A. No. 2559/2023. (Ex/A)
- 3) For hearing of Bail Application.

02.03.2023.

Mr. Shoukat Ali Shehroze, Advocate a/w Applicant Shabbir Lakhani.

- 1) Granted.
- 2) Granted subject to all exceptions.
- 3) Through this Special Criminal Bail Application, the Applicant seeks protective bail in FIR No. ASO/19/2017 (HQ) registered under Section 2(s) and 178 of Customs Act, 1969 punishable under clause (8) & (89) of Section 156 (ibid) by the office of the Superintendent Preventive Service, Anti-Smuggling Organization (Head Quarters), NMB Wharf, Karachi. Learned Counsel submits that the name of the Applicant was not mentioned in the FIR as well as in the Interim Challan. However, in the Final Challan he has been nominated as an absconding accused and non-bailable warrants has been issued against him; hence this protective bail to surrender before the concerned trial Court.

In view of the foregoing, and without adverting to the merits of the case¹, the Applicant is admitted to protective bail for seven days from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 09.03.2023 or upon surrender of the Applicant before the trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court, whereas, non-bailable warrants issued against the present Applicant shall remain suspended.

This Criminal Bail Application stands disposed of accordingly.

JUDGE

<u>Ayaz</u>

¹ Mukhtar Awan vs. The State reported as 1990 PCrLJ 617; Sabir Hussain vs. The State reported as 1999 MLD 2208.