



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-245-2025 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 17.09.2025

M/S VEEKAY CONCAST P LTD

...Applicant

VERSUS

M/S P.L. FORGINGS P LTD AND OTHERS

...Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Abhishek Jindal, Advocate for the applicant.  
(Through Video Conferencing).

Mr. Amandeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

**CRM-5750-2025**

Prayer in the application is for condonation of delay of 87 days in filing the appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 87 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

**CRM-A-245-2025**

The present application has been preferred under Section 378(4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereinafter 'CR.P.C.') seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 07.09.2024 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Ludhiana in a case stemming from criminal complaint dated 04.02.2013 filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.47,70,498/- After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 07.09.2024.

3. Mr. Amandeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate appears on behalf of respondent No.2 and files his memo of appearance in the Court and the same is taken on record.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant submits that in view of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *M/s. Celestium Financial vs. A. Gnanasekaran Etc., 2025(3) RCR (Criminal) 208*, the applicant would have a remedy before the Court of Sessions.

5. In view of the judgment rendered by the Apex Court in *Celestium Financial (supra)*, the present application seeking leave to appeal is **remanded** to the learned Sessions Judge, Ludhiana with a direction to treat the same as an appeal filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. and entrust the same to appropriate Court for its disposal on merits.

6. The Registry is directed to send the complete paper-book and the record of the case to the learned Sessions Judge, Ludhiana forthwith.

7. Disposed of accordingly. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

**17.09.2025**

Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No