## NATIONAL COMPANY LAW APPELLATE TRIBUNAL <u>NEW DELHI</u>

## Company Appeal (AT) (Insolvency) No. 57 of 2018

## **IN THE MATTER OF:**

Sanjay Kewalramani		Appellant
Versus		
Sunil Parmanand Kewa	alramani & OrsI	Respondents
Present:		
For Appellant :	Dr. U.K. Chaudhary, Senior Advocate assisted by Ms. Manisha Chaudhary, Ms. Anisha Mahajan and Mr. Himanshu Vij, Advocates	
For 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Respondents</b> :	Ms. Purti Marwaha and M Advocates	ls. Henna George,
For 4 <sup>th</sup> Respondent :	Mr. Dhruv Varma Advocate for Advocate	r Mr. Aditya Madan,

## ORDER

**20.03.2018** It is not in dispute that the application under Section 7 in Form 1 was signed by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent – Sunil Parmanand Kewalramani. Two other respondents, who also claimed to be 'Financial Creditor', have not signed the Form1 i.e. the application under Section 7. The Adjudicating Authority in its order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018 has come to the definite conclusion that the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent (petitioner), who has signed the application, is not a 'Financial Creditor'. In such case, the questions arise for consideration in this Appeal are:

- Whether in absence of signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent and the rejection of the application preferred by the authorised person (1<sup>st</sup> respondent), the application at the instance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> petitioner before the Adjudicating Authority) was maintainable ? and
- Whether the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent can be treated to be a 'Financial Creditor" within the meaning of sub-section (7) read with subsection (8) of Section 5 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016?

Parties should be ready to address the issues on the next date.

Post the case on  $27^{\text{th}}$  March, 2018. The appeal may be disposed of at the stage of admission.

[Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya] Chairperson

[ Justice Bansi Lal Bhat ] Member (Judicial)

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