

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 77 OF 2024

Nilesh Achyut Joshi ...Petitioner

Versus

Tushar Prabhakar Wagh ...Respondent

Mr. Sanjiv Punalekar, i/b Jyoti Ghorpade, for the Petitioner.

Mr. Prabhakar M. Jadhav, for Respondent.

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : JANUARY 21, 2025

PC :

1. This is an Application under Section 11 of the *Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996* (“**Arbitration Act**”) seeking appointment of an arbitrator in connection with disputes and differences in connection with an agreement dated November 28, 2021, which is referred to in the Application.

2. Today, when the matter is called out, Learned Counsel for the parties graciously submit that in view of the current declaration of the law governing scope of Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, they shall submit all their disputes and differences for resolution to a Learned Sole Arbitrator appointed by this Court. In these

circumstances, this Application is *finally disposed of* in the following terms:-

- a) Ms. Arti Raghavan, an Advocate of this Court, is hereby appointed as the Sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties arising out of and in connection with the Agreement referred to above;
- b) A copy of this Order will be communicated to the Learned Sole Arbitrator by the Advocates for the Applicant within a period of one week from today. The Applicant shall provide the contact and communication particulars of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal along with a copy of this Order;
- c) The Learned Sole Arbitrator is requested to forward the statutory Statement of Disclosure under Section 11(8) read with Section 12(1) of the Arbitration Act to the parties within a period of two weeks from receipt of a copy of this Order;
- d) The parties shall appear before the Learned Sole Arbitrator on such date and at such place as indicated, to obtain appropriate directions with regard to conduct of the arbitration including fixing a schedule for pleadings, examination of witnesses, if any,

schedule of hearings etc. At such meeting, the parties shall provide a valid and functional email address along with mobile and landline numbers of the respective Advocates of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal. Communications to such email addresses shall constitute valid service of correspondence in connection with the arbitration;

- e) All arbitral costs and fees of the Arbitral Tribunal shall be borne by the parties equally in the first instance, and shall be subject to any final Award that may be passed by the Tribunal in relation to costs; and
- f) The parties have agreed that the venue and seat of the arbitration will be in Mumbai. It is clarified that it shall be open to the Arbitral Tribunal to conduct the proceedings online through electronic mode.

3. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order shall be taken upon receipt of a downloaded copy as available on this Court's website.

[SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.]