

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/ADMIRALTY SUIT NO. 79 of 2025**

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TAKIMU MARINE ENGINEERING (HK) LTD.

Versus

MT RIGEL (EX-NAME PAGOS) (IMO 9296406)

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Appearance:

DHRUVIL G MERCHANT(9004) for the Defendant(s) No. 1

MR MANAV A MEHTA(3246) for the Plaintiff(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE MAUNA M. BHATT

Date : 30/09/2025

ORAL ORDER

1. This suit has been listed today on account of an urgent circulation request of Learned Advocate Mr Dhruvil Merchant.

2. Learned Advocate Mr Dhruvil Merchant submits that he has entered an appearance on behalf of the Defendant. He further states that his pursish, wherein he has mentioned that the owners of the Defendant Vessel seek to deposit security to release the vessel from arrest pursuant to the arrest order dated 26/09/2025, be taken on record.

3. Learned Advocate Mr Merchant tenders an ICICI Bank Demand Draft 503557 dated 29/09/2025 in favour of “The Registrar, Gujarat High Court” for an amount of Rs. 1,03,50,000 (Rs. One Crore Three Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

and submits that the owners would be depositing the security by way of the said Demand Draft.

4. Learned Advocate Mr Merchant further submits that in view of the Demand Draft, the Plaintiff's claim is secured and the Defendant Vessel may be released from arrest. He also submits that the Demand Draft is given without prejudice to all the rights and contentions of the Defendant, and that the submissions of security should be deemed that the owners have submitted to the jurisdiction of this court. He also states that the Defendant is in the process of filing an application for vacating the arrest order dated 26/09/2025.

5. Lastly, Mr Merchant requests that the Registry of the High Court be directed to forthwith encash the aforesaid Demand Draft and invest the amounts in an interest-bearing fixed deposit account of the High Court, which shall accrue interest.

6. Learned Advocate Mr Manav Mehta for the Plaintiff submitted that he has no objection to the Demand Draft and the deposit being made in Indian Rupees.

7. Upon hearing Mr Merchant, Learned Advocate for the Defendant and Mr Mehta, Learned Advocate for the Plaintiff,

this Court passes the following order:

- A. PURSHISH dated 30/09/2025 is directed to be taken on record.
- B. The registry is directed to accept ICICI Bank Demand Draft 503557 dated 29/09/2025 in favour of “The Registrar, Gujarat High Court” for an amount of Rs. 1,03,50,000 (Rs. One Crore Three Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) towards security for release of the Defendant Vessel in the captioned suit.
- C. The registry is further directed to encash the Demand Draft and invest the money into a fixed deposit account, yielding interest.
- D. In View of the security being posted, the Defendant vessel is released from the order of arrest dated 26/09/2025 and is permitted to sail. The Registry is directed to immediately issue a Writ of Release for the Defendant Vessel MT RIGEL (EX-NAME PAGOS) (IMO 9296406) and is further directed to send this order to Port and Customs at Vadinar Port through Email TODAY ITSELF at the following addresses and the Authorities at Vadinar Port shall act as per the

directions given herein above on email copy of the order

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1. simo@nayaraenergy.com
2. alok.kumar@nayaraenergy.com
3. shashikant.ranjan@nayaraenergy.com
4. ch-custvdr@nic.in
5. shreenathshipping@gmail.com
6. palash.jadafva@deendayalport.gov.in
7. com@deendayalport.gov.in
8. pms_vadinar@yahoo.com
9. portcontrol.oort@deendayalport.gov.in
10. dyconservator@deendayalport.gov.in
11. megr1.oort@deendayalport.gov.in

8. The above order is passed without prejudice to the rights and interests of the parties to the suit.

9. It is open for the Defendant's Advocate to communicate the above order by Email, and the authorities are directed to act on the Email message with an ordinary copy of this order.

10. Stand over to 21.11.2025. Direct service **TODAY** is permitted.

(MAUNA M. BHATT,J)

SHRIJIT PILLAI