

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/PETN. UNDER ARBITRATION ACT NO. 302 of 2025**

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VIJAY TANKS AND VESSELS PRIVATE LIMITED
Versus
INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED

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Appearance:

MR NIHAR THAKKAR FOR MR DIGANT M POPAT(5385) for the
Petitioner(s) No. 1

M R BHATT & CO.(5953) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MR MAYUR A KISHANCHANDANI FOR MUNJAAL M BHATT(8283) for the
Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIRUDDHA P. MAYEE

Date : 12/01/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

2. Both the petitioner as well as respondent are *ad idem* that the mandate of the learned sole arbitrator is to be extended as prayed for since the arguments of both the parties have been concluded and the award is reserved by the order dated 09.12.2025.

3. Paragraph No.4,5 and 6 of the order dated 09.12.2025 passed by the learned Arbitrator reads thus:-

“4.Arguments of both the parties are concluded.

5. Award is reserved.

6.Having regard to the fact that the Respondent has recently amended its Counter-claims and in view of the voluminous record of the present arbitration involving highly complex and technical controversies, learned Counsel for the Claimant stated that Claimant will file an application under Section 29A(4) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 before the Hon'ble Court for extending the mandate of the Tribunal upto 31.08.2026. Learned Senior Counsel for the Respondent stated that Respondent will give consent for such extension.”

4. In view thereof, this Court is of the opinion sufficient cause is made out for extension of the mandate as prayed for. The present petition is accordingly allowed. The mandate of the sole arbitrator is extended uptill 31.08.2026 as prayed for. No order as to costs.

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(ANIRUDDHA P. MAYEE, J.)