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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION  
SUIT NO. 706 OF 2014**

Bhaskar Govind Sandu & 8 Ors. ...Plaintiffs  
*Versus*  
Vinayak Govind Sandu & 19 Ors. ...Defendants

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**Mr. U. Kurud**, *for the Plaintiffs.*  
**Mr. S. Kumar**, *for Defendants Nos. 1 to 14.*  
**Mr. S. Kudalkar**, *i/b M/s. Madekar & Co., for Defendants Nos. 15 to 23.*  
**Mr. C. Mody**, *with Mr. S. Chari, i/b M/s. DSK Legal, for Defendants Nos. 24 to 26.*  
**Mr. U. Lokegaonkar**, *i/b Mr. Y.S. Bhate, for Defendants Nos. 1 to 6.*

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**CORAM: G.S. PATEL, J**  
**DATED: 20th October 2015**

**PC:-**

1. Written statements on behalf of Defendants Nos. 7 to 10, 11, 14 and 15 to 23 are tendered and taken on record.
  
2. Mr. Mody for Defendants Nos. 24 to 26 requests for a short adjournment to file a written statement. Defendants Nos. 24 to 26 claim title derived from Defendants Nos. 1 to 6. Defendants Nos. 1

to 6 and 24 to 26 shall file and serve their written statements on or before 4th December 2015.

3. There are actually two Suits. There is an earlier Suit No. 706 of 2014 in which pleadings are complete. Parties are agreed that common issues will arise and that the evidence, especially the documentary evidence will also be common.

4. In order, therefore, to save time to provide for an efficient progress through the trial I propose to allow pleadings to be completed in Suit No. 497 of 2015. Thereafter, instead of straight away framing issues, I propose to direct all parties to file their respective Affidavits and compilations of documents and exchange statements of admissions and denial of documents. At the next stage, the documents that are commonly admitted can then be marked. This will curtail the evidence that is required to be filed on Affidavit for which further directions can then follow.

5. Parties are agreed that this procedure will assist through the trial. For the present, the directions regarding filing of written statement by Defendants Nos. 1 to 6 and 24 to 26 shall continue.

6. List both suits for directions on 7th December 2015.

**(G. S. PATEL, J.)**