



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ADMLS No.6 of 2026
CNR No.ODHC010697382026

***Interocean Shipping
(India) Private
Limited***

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Plaintiff

Mr.V.J. Mathew, Sr. Advocate
Along with Mr.Anshuman Ray, Advocate
Mr.Parth Agrawal, Advocate
Mr.Diptesh Ku. Behera
Ms.Herline Mathews
Mr.Anirudh G. Kanath, Advocate
-versus-

***1. MT UNITY (IMO
9388792)
2. Paradip Port
Authority***

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Defendants

Ms.Soumya Priyadarshinee, Advocate
Mr.Tavinder Sidhu, Advocate
Mr.A.Satpathy, Advocate

CORAM: JUSTICE V. NARASINGH

ORDER
09.09.2026

Order No.

01. 1. Mr.V.J.Mathew, learned Senior Counsel enters appearance on behalf of the Plaintiff in Court today by filing Memo of Appearance, which is taken on record. His name be indicated in the cause list as also the Brief.

Ms.Soumya Priyadarshinee, learned counsel and her associates have appeared on behalf of the Defendant No.1 and undertake to file Vakalatnama.



2. Let the same be filed by 17.09.2026. Their names be indicated in the cause list as well as the brief.

3. Similarly, Mr.Anand Prakash Das, learned counsel submits that he has the instruction to appear on behalf of Paradip Port-Defendant No.2. Vakalatnama on behalf of Defendant No.2 be filed by 17.09.2026.

4. Heard Mr.Mathew, learned Senior Counsel for the Plaintiff, Ms.Priyadarshinee, learned counsel for the Defendant No.1 and Mr.Das, learned counsel for Defendant No.2.

Learned counsel for the Plaintiff undertakes to file a consolidated cause title of the Plaint properly describing the Defendant No.2. Let the same be done by 17.09.2026.

5. On considering the submissions vis-a-vis the recitals in the plaint, this Court is *prima facie* satisfied that the claim is maintainable in this forum of admiralty against the Defendant Vessel MT Unity (IMO No.9388792).

6. Admit.

7. Issue notice to the Defendants. Since Ms.Priyadarshinee, learned counsel already entered appearance on behalf of the Defendant No.1 & Mr.Das



for Defendant No.2, as noted, no further notice need be issued. Copy of the Plaint be served on them by 17.09.2026, as undertaken.

8. List this matter on 12.10.2026.

(V. Narasingh)
Admiralty Judge

I.A. No.24 of 2026

Order No.

- 02.** 1. This Interim Application has been filed by the Plaintiff seeking, inter alia, arrest of the Defendant Vessel MT Unity (IMO No.9388792).
2. Heard learned Senior Counsel for the Plaintiff and learned counsel for the Defendants and perused the recitals of the I.A.
3. It is submitted by the learned Senior Counsel for the Plaintiff that the present ADMLS has been instituted seeking recovery of Rs.42,83,271/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy One) for the disbursement incurred by the Plaintiff on behalf of the Vessel and its owner *inter alia* towards payment due to Plaintiff for disbursement for hospitalization, visa fees & assistance to the sick crew members, payment due to Plaintiff for agency & Anchorage charges of vessel



deducted by the Port Authority and the cost towards legal expenses.

4. It is submitted by the learned Senior Counsel for the Plaintiff that the claim is covered under Section 4(1)(p)¹, (t)² & (n)³ of the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act, 2017").

5. Considering the submission and on perusal the recitals of the plaint and documents annexed thereto, this Court is of the considered view that the Plaintiff has been able to establish an enforceable maritime claim in terms of Section 4(1) (p), (t) & (n) of the said Act.

6. This Court is persuaded to hold that unless order of arrest of Defendant Vessel – MT Unity (IMO No.9388792), as prayed for, is passed, the cause of the Plaintiff will be frustrated and the suit will be rendered infructuous.

7. Hence, Defendant Vessel - MT Unity (IMO No.9388792) be arrested at Paradip Port. Accordingly, a separate Judge order is passed.

¹ 4. (1) The High Court may exercise jurisdiction to hear and determine any question on a maritime claim, against any vessel, arising out of any—

(p) disbursements incurred on behalf of the vessel or its owners;

² (t) commission, brokerage or agency fees payable in respect of the vessel by or on behalf of the vessel owner or demise charterer;

³ (n) dues in connection with any port, harbour, canal, dock or light tolls, other tolls, waterway or any charges of similar kind chargeable under any law for the time being in force;



8. Ordered Accordingly.

9. It is hereby clarified that the cargo, if any, being carried in the Defendant Vessel is independent of the claim qua the Defendants. As such pendency of this ADMLS shall not be a bar for unloading the cargo as per the norms in vogue.

10. The Plaintiff is at liberty to communicate the order along with letter of the Marshall of this Court, which is defined under Rule (2) of the Orissa High Court Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Rules, 2020 and through Fax, E-mail and hand delivery. The Plaintiff is also at liberty to serve the warrant of arrest in course of next twenty-four hours. All parties shall act on ordinary copy of this order duly authenticated by the Deputy Registrar (Judicial) of this Court.

11. Accordingly, the I.A stands disposed of.

(V. Narasingh)
Admiralty Judge

I.A. No.25 of 2026

Order No.

03. 1. This Interim Application has been filed by the Plaintiff seeking a direction restraining the Paradip Port Authority from debiting from the deposited



amount of the Plaintiff maintained with the Port Authority towards the charges/dues of the Vessel MT Unity (IMO No.9388792) till disposal of the Suit.

2. Heard learned Senior Counsel for the Plaintiff as well as the Defendants.

3. Considering the submissions made and on going through the recitals of the I.A., the Paradip Port Trust-Defendant No.2 is hereby restrained from deducting any amount from the deposited amount of the Plaintiff maintained with the Port Authority towards the charges/dues of the Vessel MT Unity (IMO No.9388792) till disposal of the Suit.

However, it is open for the Defendant No.2 to seek variance of this order by filing appropriate application.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order in course of the day.

(V. Narasingh)
Admiralty Judge

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