

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

ARBITRATION PETITION NO.14 OF 2026

M/S WORLD METALS AND ALLOYS (FZC)

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

KINETA GLOBAL LIMITED

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. This petition under Sections 11(4) and 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (Act), seeks the appointment of a sole arbitrator to adjudicate disputes arising out of the Sale and Purchase Contract dated 08.02.2021 ("Contract"), executed between the Petitioner(s) and the Respondent(s).

2. Briefly observed, the Petitioner, M/s World Metals and Alloys (FZC), is a company incorporated in the UAE. The Respondent, Kineta Global Limited, is a company incorporated in India having its registered office at Hyderabad, Telangana, and is engaged in the business of trading in Iron Ore. The parties entered into the Contract dated 08.02.2021 for supply of Iron Ore Fines, later amended *vide* Addendum-1 dated 15.06.2021, under which the Respondent was to supply 40,000 WMT of Iron Ore to the Petitioner by 15.07.2021. It is the case of the Petitioner that they paid an aggregate advance of USD 30,00,000 between February and March 2021, against which the Respondent supplied material worth USD 22,84,489.95 under a Commercial Invoice dated 26.07.2021, acknowledging a balance of USD 7,15,510.05 as remaining with it. It is also stated that the Respondent again confirmed this balance

*vide* a Balance Confirmation dated 11.10.2022.

3. The dispute appears to have arisen between the parties when the Respondent neither supplied the remaining quantity of Iron Ore nor refunded the admitted balance amount, despite a demand notice dated 24.09.2024. In these circumstances, the Petitioner sought to invoke arbitration in terms of Clause 14 of the Contract, which provides that disputes shall first be settled by friendly negotiation, and failing such settlement, shall be referred to arbitration in India under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

4. The Petitioner(s), thus, issued communications dated 08.10.2025 to the Respondent, suggesting the name of an advocate - Mr. Amit Bhatt for appointment as the Sole Arbitrator. However, by reply dated 16.10.2025, the Respondent(s) objected to the suggested arbitrator and instead suggested the name of Advocate Dr. D. Brahma Naidu. Since the parties could not mutually agree on a name for appointment as the Sole Arbitrator, the Petitioner has filed the instant Petition under Section 11 (4) and 11 (6) of the Act.

5. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material placed on record.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances recorded above and the relevant provision(s) under the Contract dated 08.02.2021, we deem it just and proper to allow the instant Arbitration Petition and appoint Hon'ble Justice Rao Raghunandan Rao (Former Judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court) as the Sole Arbitrator to resolve the disputes between the parties. The seat and venue of arbitration, in accordance with the arbitration agreement, shall be

Hyderabad, Telangana, India. Ordered accordingly.

7. The Arbitrator shall have the liberty to fix his own remuneration/fees.

8. Pending interlocutory applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

.....CJI.  
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.  
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

.....J.  
(V. MOHANA)

NEW DELHI;  
AUGUST 03, 2026

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Respondent(s)

Date : 03-08-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI  
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Sahil Chopra, Adv.  
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Ms. Mary Mitzy, Adv.  
Mr. Vivek Mangla, Adv.  
Mr. Dere Kishor Shankar, Adv.  
Mr. Abhishek Gupta, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. The Arbitration Petition is allowed in terms of the signed order.
2. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)  
DY. REGISTRAR

(signed order is placed on the file)