IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(C) No.39674/2026)

BSL MGC LIMITED & ORS. **APPELLANT(S)**

VERSUS

ANAFI SPECIAL MARITIME ENTERPRISE **RESPONDENT(S)**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. We have heard the learned Senior Counsel for the parties at considerable length.

3. The impugned judgment of the Division Bench of the High Court dated 04.11.2026 is upheld to the extent that it restores Admiralty Suit No. 32/2026 filed by the respondent-Anafi Special Maritime Enterprise. However, the observations made therein with respect to ownership, etc. are held to be tentative and not binding on the learned Single Judge presiding over the Admiralty Suit.

4. The learned Single Judge is requested to formulate a preliminary issue on the maintainability of the suit, having regard to the enforceability of the arbitration awards and the foreign judgments. Let such preliminary issue be decided at the outset, preferably within one month.

5. The respondent-plaintiff is directed to furnish security of USD 50,000 before the learned Single Judge within one week from the date of uploading of this order, failing which the suit shall stand dismissed for non-prosecution. It is clarified that the security amount has been fixed tentatively and may be suitably enhanced by the learned Single Judge as and when the occasion arises.

6. In case the suit is not finally decided at the stage of

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the preliminary issue, the learned Single Judge is requested to decide the suit in its entirety within six months.

7. It is made clear that we have not expressed any opinion on merits. All contentions of the parties are kept open to be considered by the learned Single Judge.

8. The appeal stands disposed of in the above terms.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

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

NEW DELHI;
NOVEMBER 18, 2026

ITEM NO.10 COURT NO.1 SECTION III-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).39674/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-11-2026 in OJA No.6/2026 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

BSL MGC LIMITED & ORS. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ANAFI SPECIAL MARITIME ENTERPRISE Respondent(s)

IA No. 349135/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 18-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

3. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)