

(2022) 02 DEL CK 0034

Delhi High Court

Case No: Arbitration Petition No. 144 Of 2022

Newgen Software Technologies
Limited

APPELLANT

Vs

Oxygen Business Park Private
Limited

RESPONDENT

Date of Decision: Feb. 7, 2022

Acts Referred:

- Arbitration And Conciliation Act, 1996 - Section 11(5), 11(6), 12

Hon'ble Judges: Suresh Kumar Kait, J

Bench: Single Bench

Advocate: Angad Sandhu, Tanya Mittal, Malvika Kapila Kalra, Nivriti Raniwala, Nikhil Ranjan Ahuja, Monisha Mane, Warisha Parkar

Final Decision: Disposed Of

Judgement

Suresh Kumar Kait, J

I.A. 2070/2022 (Exemption)

1. Exemption is allowed with direction to file certified/true copies of dim annexures with margin within four weeks.

2. Application is disposed of.

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3. The present petition has been filed under Sections 11(5) and 11(6) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 seeking appointment of sole

Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes inter-se the parties.

4. Pertinently, petitioner and respondent both are companies incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and petitioner is the leading provider of

unified digital transformation platform with native process automation, content services and communication management capabilities. According to the

petitioner, respondent is a Grade A office park in close proximity to the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway and it is one of only two SEA part in its

submarket with excellent infrastructure, easy access to talented individuals and brilliant connectivity.

5. As per the averments made in the present petition, parties executed a Sub Lease Deed on 18.12.2014 for leasing out property located in the Special

Economic Zone of Noida for a period of 6 years commencing from 07.04.2013 till 06.04.2019 and the said lease deed was renewed for a further

period of three years as per terms and conditions commencing from 07.04.2019 and expiring on 06.04.2022. However, on 30.12.2020, petitioner sent

an email giving a three monthsâ€™ notice period to respondent for terminating the renewed deed and respondent accepted the termination email.

Thereafter it was agreed between the parties that petitioner would transfer vacant possession of the demised premises to respondent by 31.03.2021.

Subsequently, various disputes arose between the parties pertaining to date of handing over the vacant, peaceful and physical possession of the

demised premises along with refund of interest free security deposit. Accordingly, as per the terms of the renewed deed, all disputes between the

parties were to be settled and adjudicated by the process of arbitration.

6. Thereafter, respondent vide a notice dated 15th December 2021, invoked arbitration and suggested appointment of an individual as an arbitrator.

The Petitioner replied to the same and declined the appointment of the arbitrator suggested by the Respondent. The Petitioner subsequently provided

names of three (3) individuals to be appointed as an arbitrator vide an e-mail dated 5th January 2022, however, the same were rejected by the

Respondent. Hence, the present petition has been filed.

7. During the course of hearing, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent has not opposed the present petition and submits that the

claims raised in the present petition are disputed, however, fairly conceded that the disputes inter se parties are arbitrable. Learned counsel also

submitted that respondent has no objection if disputes are referred to an independent arbitrator appointed by this Court.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and Mr.Abhishek Chauhan, Advocate (Mobile: 9971034355) is appointed sole Arbitrator to adjudicate

the dispute between the parties.

9. The fee of the learned Arbitrator shall be governed by the Fourth Schedule of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

10. The learned Arbitrator shall ensure compliance of Section 12 of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 before commencing the arbitration.

11. The present petition and pending application, if any, are accordingly disposed of.