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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 131 OF 2020

Mody Beverages Pvt Ltd	...Petitioners
<i>Versus</i>	
Parle Agro Pvt Ltd	...Respondent

Mr Arnav Misra, with Harshvardhan Mehta, i/b K Ashar & Co., for
the Petitioner.
Ms A Misra, i/b AZB & Partners, for the Respondent.

CORAM: G.S. PATEL, J.
DATED: 22nd January 2020

PC:-

1. The petition is under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. The parties entered into a Franchisee Agreement dated 15th April 2008. Disputes and differences arose between the parties. An award was passed by the original sole arbitrator, the Hon'ble Mr Justice SN Jhunjhunwala, on 30th May 2014 allowing the claim of the Petitioner. This was set aside by this court vide order dated 18th December 2018 and Mr Naushad Engineer was appointed as the new sole arbitrator by mutual consent of the parties. The learned Arbitrator entered upon the reference to his arbitration shortly thereafter.

2. The said order directed that the award should be passed within a period of six months. Before the arbitrator, the matter proceeded. The arbitral mandate ended on 18th June 2019. This Court then granted an extension of time until 31st October 2019 by an order dated 19th June 2019. A further extension was granted by the court vide order dated 22nd October 2019 for a period of three months until 22nd January 2020.

3. The final arguments have concluded and only the award remains to be passed.

4. Having regard to these circumstances, I am extending the arbitral mandate till 29th February 2020 to complete the arbitral proceedings.

5. The petition is disposed of accordingly.

(G. S. PATEL, J)