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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
ARBITRATION PETITION (L) NO. 455 OF 2020
(To be renumbered subsequently)

Gulraj Constructions Pvt. Ltd.	...Petitioner
<i>Versus</i>	
The Institute of Cost Accountants of India	...Respondent

None for the Petitioners.
Mr Rony Pallath Joseph, *for the Respondent.*

CORAM: G.S. PATEL, J
(Through Video Conference)
DATED: 12th October 2020

PC:-

1. Heard by video conferencing.
2. None for the Petitioners.
3. The petition is under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. Certain disputes arose between the parties in connection with a contract for certain civil finishes and general work of a proposed building. By an order dated 23rd June 2017, this Court appointed a sole arbitrator to decide these disputes. The sole arbitrator entered upon the reference to the arbitration shortly thereafter and the matter proceeded before her.

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4. After the original arbitral mandate ended, it was extended for six months by mutual consent of the parties. The extended arbitral mandate expired on 7th February 2019. By an order dated 22nd February 2019, this Court extended the arbitral mandate for a period of six months by mutual consent of the parties. By an order dated 19th September 2019, this Court further extended the arbitral mandate for a period of six months. The extended arbitral mandate ended on 18th March 2020.

5. The arbitral proceedings have reached the stage of completion of oral arguments. A few clarifications are needed before the award is published.

6. Having regard to these circumstances, and more particularly in view of the current pandemic and various restrictions, I am extending the arbitral mandate until 30th April 2021, to complete the arbitral proceedings.

7. The petition is disposed of accordingly. No order as to costs.

8. This order will be digitally signed by the Private Secretary of this Court. All concerned will act on production by fax or email of a digitally signed copy of this order.

(G. S. PATEL, J)