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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION
COMM ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 903 OF 2019**

Meka Dredging Company Private Limited	...Petitioner
<i>Versus</i>	
ASR Dredging Services Pvt Ltd & Anr	...Respondents

Gunjan Chaubey, *for the Petitioner.*
Mr Dakshesh Vyas, *with Parisha Shah, i/b Lex Firmus, for the*
Respondents.

CORAM: G.S. PATEL, J.
DATED: 13th January 2020

PC:-

1. The Petition is by the liquidator of the original Petitioner. The liquidator was appointed by the NCLT Chennai. The parties had a contract dated 9th February 2015. This related to another contract awarded by the 2nd Respondent to the 1st Respondent for the deepening of certain offshore basins.

2. Disputes arose between the present parties. The Petitioner filed an Arbitration Petition in which, on 28th April 2016, this Court appointed Mr Minoo Siodia as the sole arbitrator. The matter then proceeded before him. Some time was lost in arbitration. In the meantime the Petitioner was taken into liquidation. Before the

learned sole arbitrator the matter is at the stage of evidence. The cross-examination of the Petitioner's evidence is complete and the cross-examination of the Respondent's witness is to begin. Documents have also to be marked. Parties have agreed to an initial extension of six months. The arbitral mandate was extended for a further period of six months from 19th November 2018. In the meantime, there were certain challenges to the insolvency proceedings.

3. Having regard to these circumstances, I will extend the arbitral mandate until 22nd December 2020.

4. The Petition is disposed of in these terms. No costs.

(G. S. PATEL, J)