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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION
COMM ARBITRATION PETITION NO. 3 OF 2021**

Bombay Chemicals Pvt Ltd	...Petitioner
<i>Versus</i>	
Ramesh Velhankar	...Respondent

**Mr Shanay Shah, with Mr TN Tripathi, i/b TN Tripathi & Co, for
the Petitioner.**
None for the Respondent.

**CORAM: G.S. PATEL, J
(Through Video Conference)
DATED: 6th January 2021**

PC:-

1. Heard through video conferencing.
2. The petition has been filed under Section 29A of the Arbitration Act for an extension of the arbitral mandate.
3. Disputes between the parties arose under a Lease Agreement dated 25th March 2003. Arbitral proceedings commenced on 28th April 2012 and an award was passed on 15th April 2014.

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4. The Respondent filed a petition challenging the Arbitration Award. By order dated 6th February 2019, this Court set aside the award and appointed learned Sole Arbitrator, Mr. Jehangir Jeejeebhoy.

5. The mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal was extended twice — on 29th August 2019 by six months, and then on 17th February 2020 by a further six months. However, due to the lockdown and the pandemic restrictions, the parties have been unable to conclude the proceedings.

6. At present, the arbitration is at the stage of final arguments. Considering the circumstances, I extend the arbitral mandate until 30th June 2021.

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

(G. S. PATEL, J)