

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION
COMM ARBITRATION PETITION (L) NO. 1455 OF 2019

Wella India Private Limited	...Petitioner
<i>Versus</i>	
Sunil Lunked, Sole Proprietor of Bhawar Lifestyle	...Respondents

Mr S Das, i/b Krishnamurthy & Co. for the Petitioner.

CORAM: G.S. PATEL, J.
DATED: 14th January 2020

PC:-

1. The Petition is under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. The parties entered into a Distribution Agreement on 14th October 2014. Disputes arose between the parties and the Petitioner invoked the Arbitration under Article 18 of the said Agreement by a letter dated 12th January 2018. Mr. Vishwanathan Iyer was appointed as the sole Arbitrator. The learned Arbitrator entered upon the reference to his arbitration on 26th February 2018.

2. Before the Arbitrator, the matter proceeded. After the expiry of the statutory period of arbitration, the parties consented on 26th

February 2019 to a six-month extension of the arbitral mandate. The extended arbitral mandate ended on 25th August 2019.

3. At present, the Arbitration is at the stage of leading evidence and final arguments before the learned Sole Arbitrator. The parties thus seek an extension to complete the arbitral proceedings.

4. Having regard to these circumstances I will extend time till 22nd December 2020 to complete the arbitration.

5. The Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(G. S. PATEL, J)