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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 12/2024 & I.A. 472/2024
MR DESH DEEPAK KHANNA & ORS. Petitioners
Through: Mr. Sumit Kulkarni, Advocate.

versus

M/S LIFESTYLE BUILDCON PRIVATE LIMITED
& ANR. Respondents
Through: Ms. Aanchal Basur, Advocate.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER
09.01.2024

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1. This is a petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 [“the Act”], for extension of the mandate of the learned Sole Arbitrator, who is in *seisin* of disputes between the parties under an agreement dated 31.08.2020.

2. Ms. Aanchal Basur, learned counsel, appears on behalf of the respondents on advance notice. Her only objection to the relief sought in this petition is that the petition was filed after the mandate of the learned Tribunal had already lapsed on 24.09.2023. Although, she wishes this objection to be placed on record, she fairly submits that the question is concluded against her by the decision of this Court in judgment dated 16.05.2023 in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 123/2023 [*Wadia Techno-Engineering Services Limited v. Director General of Married Accommodation Project & Anr.*] and connected matters, and judgement dated 06.11.2023 in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 466/2023 [*ATC Telecom*

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Infrastructure Private Limited v. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited] and connected matters. There is no other ground raised in opposition to the petition.

3. I am informed that the arbitral proceedings are at the stage of final arguments and the arguments of the respondent are in progress.

4. Having regard to these facts, the petition is allowed and the mandate of the learned Arbitral Tribunal is extended for a period of six months from today.

5. The petition, alongwith pending application, is disposed of.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

JANUARY 9, 2024
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