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

\+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 275/2024

BITCHEM ASPHALT TECHNOLOGIES LTD ..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Uttam Datt, Mr. Arjun Anand, Ms. Sonakshi Singh, Mr. Kumar Bhaskar and Mr. Aman Sanjeev Sharma, Advocates.

versus

CSIR CENTRAL ROAD RESEARCH INSTITUTE ..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Jayesh Unnikrishnan, Mr. Bhuvnesh Satija and Mr. Udit Sharma, Advocates.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

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% **05.04.2024**

I.A. 7723/2024 (exemption)

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

Let requisite compliances be made within 01 week.

Application stands disposed-of.

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By way of the present petition filed under section 29A of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996, the petitioner seeks extension of the mandate of the learned Sole Arbitrator, who is seized of their disputes with the respondent.

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2. From the record, it is seen that the learned Sole Arbitrator was appointed by consent of the parties; and entered upon reference on 05.04.2022. Thereafter, the parties granted consensual extension of the mandate which has since run-out on 02.04.2024.

3. Mr. Uttam Datt, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the matter is at the stage of final arguments and is listed tomorrow *i.e.* 06.04.2024.

4. Issue notice.

5. Mr. Jayesh Unnikrishnan, learned counsel appears on behalf of the respondent on advance copy; accepts notice; and does not oppose the petition.

6. Upon a conspectus of the averments contained in the petition and the submissions made, the petition is allowed; and the mandate of the learned Sole Arbitrator is extended, as prayed-for, by 06 months from 03.04.2024. The gap in the mandate, and all proceedings conducted in the meantime, shall also stand validated and regularized.

7. The petition is disposed-of.

8. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.

9. The parties are permitted to orally communicate the gist of this order to the learned Sole Arbitrator.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

APRIL 5, 2024/ak

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