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

+ **O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 734/2024**

**LEIGHTON INDIA CONTRACTORS
PRIVATE LIMITED**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Manish Srivastava, Mr. Moksh
Arora, Mr. Yash Srivastava, Ms.
Shiksha Jha and Mr. Santosh
Ramdurg, Advocates.

versus

DLF LIMITED

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Simran Brar, Ms. Apoorva
Neral, Ms. Kiran Devrani, Ms.
Ambika and Mr. Karan Sharma,
Advocates.

**CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN**

ORDER

% **19.09.2024**

I.A. 39819/2024 (for exemption)

Exemption is allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

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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 adjudicating disputes between the parties under a Contract Agreement dated 19.09.2013.

2. Although the arbitral tribunal entered into the reference on



11.08.2020, I am informed that pleadings were completed only in the year 2022. The mandate of the arbitral tribunal has been extended from time to time lastly by an order dated 27.09.2023 in O.M.P.(MISC.) (COMM.) 457/2023.

3. The petitioner herein is the respondent in the arbitral proceedings. The evidence of the witnesses for the respondent-claimant has been concluded and oral evidence is now being recorded of witnesses for the petitioner-respondent. The evidence of five witnesses remains for which the arbitral tribunal has fixed six dates of hearing between December, 2024 and March, 2025.

4. Learned counsel for the parties assure the Court that they will cooperate with the arbitral tribunal so that recording of the evidence can be concluded within this period.

5. In these circumstances, the petitioner seeks an extension of the mandate of the arbitral tribunal for 18 months from 21.09.2024. Learned counsel for the respondent also consents to the request.

6. The petition is, therefore, allowed, and the mandate of the arbitral tribunal is extended by a period of 18 months.

7. The petition is disposed of in terms of the above.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024/MR/