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

+ **O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 879/2024**

BITCHEM ASPHALT TECHNOLOGIES LTDPetitioner

Through: Mr. Uttam Datt, Ms. Sonakshi Singh,
Mr. Kumar Bhaskar, Advs.

versus

CSIR-CENTRAL ROAD RESEARCH INSTITUTERespondent

Through: Mr. Bhuvanesh Satija, Mr. Udit
Sharma, Mr. Aniket Khanduri,
Advocates

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

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12.11.2024

I.A. 44737/2024 (Exemption)

Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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1. This is a petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 seeking extension of mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for a period of six months for rendering the arbitral award.
2. Material on record indicates that the Arbitral Tribunal entered reference on 05.04.2024. It is stated that the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal was extended by this Court for a period of six months on 05.04.2024. It is stated that the matter was taken up for final arguments which went on till 17.09.2024 and therefore the Petitioner has approached this Court for extension of time for rendering the award.



3. It is stated by the learned Counsel for the Petitioner that additional time of at least six months would be required for rendering the Arbitral Award.
4. The Apex Court in Rohan Builders (India) Private Limited v. Berger Paints India Limited, **2024 SCC OnLine SC 2494**, has held that an application for extension of the time period for passing an arbitral award under Section 29A(4) read with Section 29A(5) is maintainable even after the expiry of the twelve-month or the extended six-month period, as the case may be.
5. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to extend the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for a further period of six months so that the Award can be pronounced and no further extension of time would be required by the Tribunal.
6. The petition is disposed of, along with the pending applications, if any.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

NOVEMBER 12, 2024
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