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

+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 963/2024

SKILLS TECH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITEDPetitioner

Through: Mr. Ankur Khurana, Mr. Shaima Masood and Mr. Zafar Khurshid, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

17.12.2024

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1. These Petitions under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has been filed by the Petitioner for extending the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.



2. Material on record indicates that the Arbitral Tribunal was appointed by this Court on 26.08.2021 in petitions being ARB. P. 424/2021 and ARB. P. 495/2021 filed by the Petitioner. It is stated that the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal has expired on 10.12.2024.
3. It is stated by the learned Counsel for the Petitioner that the in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 964/2024, final arguments have already commenced and in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 963/2024, arguments have been concluded and written submissions have to be filed.
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 facts of the present case, this Court is inclined to extend the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for a period of nine months from today, so that the award can be pronounced.
6. The Ld. Arbitrator is requested to make endeavours to conclude the Arbitration Proceedings and pronounce the Award before the mandate expires.
7. The Petitions are disposed of, along with the pending applications, if any.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

DECEMBER 17, 2024

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