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ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
COMMERCIAL DIVISION
ORIGINAL SIDE

AP-COM/846/2026

SMT NUPUR MODAK
VS
LILA ENERPRISE AND ORS

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE GAURANG KANTH
Date : 12th October, 2026.

Appearance:
Mr. Dibyendu Chatterjee, Adv.
Mr. Rahul Deb Goenka, Adv.
Ms. Satabdi Das, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Adv.
Ms. Pragya Bhowmick, Adv.
...for the respondents

The Court: The petitioner has preferred the present petition under Section 29A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking extension of the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for completion of the arbitral proceedings and publication of the arbitral award.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that this Court vide order dated 17.05.2023 had appointed the sole Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes between the parties. The pleadings were completed in the month of April, 2025. Thereafter, the parties, by mutual consent, extended the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal for six months till 15.10.2026. Learned Counsel for the petitioner states that the Arbitral Tribunal has conducted

more than 31 sittings and the matter is at the stage of cross-examination of claimant's witness.

Learned Counsel for the respondents states that he has no objection to the extension of the mandate of the Arbitral Tribunal.

Upon consideration of the submissions of both the parties and the materials placed on record, this Court is satisfied that there has been no undue or unwarranted delay on the part of the learned sole Arbitrator in conducting the proceedings.

Having regard to the advanced stage of the proceedings and in the interest of justice, the mandate of the learned sole Arbitrator is extended further for a period of six months from today.

The learned sole Arbitrator is requested to make all reasonable endeavours to conclude the arbitral proceedings and publish the arbitral award within the extended time period.

With the aforesaid observations, the present petition stands disposed of.

(GAURANG KANTH, J.)

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