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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
IN IT'S COMMERCIAL DIVISION**

**COMM ARBITRATION PETITION NO.19805 OF 2026
AND
COMM ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 527 OF 2026**

Rajeev Manmohan Gupta ... Petitioner
V/s.
Nice Shelter & Ors. ... Respondents

Ms. Shreya Jha a/w Hetal Patel, S. Shetye and Hemanshu, for the Applicant/Petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Bhat a/w Ms. Miloni Gada, Ms. Manisha Prajapati, Ms. Sanhita Chaure i/b Miloni Gada & Co, for Respondent Nos.2 and 3.

Mr. Vishal Kanade a/w Ms. Aneesha Munshi i/b Divya Shah & Associate, for Respondent No.4.

CORAM : AMIT BORKAR, J.

DATED : AUGUST 21, 2026

P.C.:

1. By consent of the parties, following order is passed:
 - (a) Mr. Ashish Venugopal, Advocate of this Court having Address: Chambers of Nikhil Sakhardande, Senior Advocate, 1101, 11th Floor, 1infinity (formerly known as Ramnimi Fort), Cawasji Patel Street, Mumbai - 400 001. Email:ashish.venugopal001@gmail.com Contact: +91 9029071385 is appointed as the sole Arbitrator to adjudicate upon the disputes and differences between the parties arising out of an in connection with the Agreement;

- (b) A copy of this order will be communicated to the learned Sole Arbitrator by the Advocates for the petitioner within a period of one week from the date of upload of this order. The petitioner shall provide contact and communication particulars of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal along with a copy of this order;
- (c) The learned Sole Arbitrator is requested to forward the statutory State of Disclosure under Section 11(8) read with Section 12(1) of the Act to the parties within a period of two weeks from receipt of a copy of this order;
- (d) The parties shall appear before the learned Sole Arbitrator on such date and at such place as indicated, to obtain appropriate directions with regard to conduct of the arbitration including fixing a schedule for pleadings, examination of witnesses, if any, schedule of hearings etc. At such meeting, the parties shall provide a valid and functional email address along with mobile and landline numbers of the respective Advocates of the parties to the Arbitral Tribunal. Communications to such email addresses shall constitute valid service of correspondence in connection with the arbitration;
- (e) All arbitral costs and fees of the Arbitral Tribunal shall be borne by the parties equally in the first instance, and shall be subject to any final Award that may be passed by the Tribunal in relation to costs.

2. Needless to say, nothing contained in this order is an expression of an opinion on merits of the matter or the relative strength of the parties. All issues on merits are expressly kept open to be agitated before the arbitral tribunal appointed hereby.
3. The Application filed before this Court under Section 9 of the Act shall stand converted into Application under Section 17 of the Act and shall be considered by the learned Sole Arbitrator in accordance with law.
4. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order shall be taken upon receive of a downloaded copy as available on this Court's website.
5. The arbitration petitions stand disposed of in above terms.

(AMIT BORKAR, J.)