IN THE SPECIAL COURT (TRIAL OF OFFENCES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES) ACT, 1992 AT BOMBAY

SUIT NO.2 OF 2004

ICDS Limited ... Plaintiff

v/s.

Hiten P. Dalal & Ors. ... Defendants

Mr. Piyush Raheja a/w Ganesh Ambekar i/b. Thakore Jariwala & Associates for the plaintiff.

Mr. J. Chandran i/b. Leena Adhvaryu & Associates for the Custodian.

Mr. Somshekhar Sundaresan a/w Ms. Sonali Mathur, Mr. Dhaval Vora i/b. AZB & Partners for defendant no.4.

CORAM : A. K. MENON,

JUDGE, SPECIAL COURT

DATED : 26TH FEBRUARY, 2021

P.C. :

1. On behalf of defendant no.4, Mr. Sundaresan seeks some time. He states that there has been a change of Advocates and that his instructing attorneys have filed appearance. They are in the process of obtaining instructions as to whether they propose to lead oral evidence.

2. Mr. Raheja on behalf of the plaintiff submits that the plaintiff is aware that defendant no.4 has filed an affidavit of documents and compilation of documents but he has no instructions as to whether the documents filed on behalf of defendant no.4 have been inspected or otherwise. In any event, he seeks time to obtain instructions and file statement of admission and denials, if so advised.

3. In view thereof, I pass the following order;

- (i) Statement of admission and denials, if any, to be filed within two weeks.
- (ii) In the meantime, S.O. to 26th March, 2021 on which date the defendant no.4 shall keep their witness present, in the event, they intend to lead evidence, failing which evidence on behalf of defendant no.4 shall stand closed.

(A. K. MENON, J.)