WHEREAS, M/s. Fortis Hospitals Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit) located at 730, Anandapur, P.O. & P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata – 700 107 is a 200 bedded Health Care Unit (HCU).

AND WHEREAS, the Health Care Unit was earlier inspected by the officials of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 13/11/2013 wherein it was observed that the HCU has installed additional 60 beds apart from existing 200 beds without obtaining Consent to Establish from the Board. ETP of the HCU was also found in defunct condition during inspection.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a hearing on 09/01/2014 and the HCU was directed on 27/03/2014 not to use the additional 60 beds without obtaining Consent to Establish & Consent to Operate and to make the ETP operational within one month with imposition of a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 1.00 lakh. The HCU submitted the BG amount which was valid upto 24/04/2015.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was again called for a hearing on 27/11/2014 as the ETP was found in defunct condition during inspection on 19/09/2014 and the HCU was further directed on 06/01/2015 not to use the additional 60 beds without obtaining Environmental Clearance, Consent to Establish & Consent to Operate and to make the ETP operational positively by 31st January, 2015. The HCU informed the Board on 23/03/2015 that the ETP of the HCU is operating.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was again inspected on 16/04/2015. During inspection ETP was not in running condition. Renovation/modification work of ETP was still going on. The effluent was being collected in the equalization tank of ETP and being directly discharged from the tank to municipal drain through two flexible pipes. The additional 60 beds for which the HCU has not obtained EC, NOC & CFO was being utilized. Moreover, the HCU has started a project at the top floor of the hospital building to increase bed capacity by another 60 beds(as reported) but the HCU has not applied for NOC for the said project.

AND WHEREAS, the CFO of the HCU expired on 30/09/2014 for 200 beds (CFO fees cleared upto 30/09/2016) and BMW authorization is valid upto 30/09/2016. CMOH licence of the HCU is valid upto 19/08/2017 for 260 beds.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 18/06/2015 at the Head Office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the representatives of the HCU appearing in the hearing submitted that the renovation/modification work of ETP has been completed and presently it is fully operational. No bypass system or temporary pipeline now exists for direct discharge of untreated effluent to municipal drain. They apologised for not completing the ETP installation work in time. They
also submitted that the additional 60 beds are not being utilized till date and assured that they would not use the said beds within obtaining EC, NOC & CFO. A stamp paper undertaking in this regard will be submitted by the HCU. They stated that they do not have any plan at present to start a project at the top floor of the hospital building for enhancement of bed capacity by another 60 beds.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU submitted a stamp paper undertaking on 30/06/2015 mentioning that the STP is now operational and the additional beds (60 beds) will be made operational only after obtaining EC, NOC & CFO.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of the HCU, M/s. Fortis Hospitals Ltd. located at 730, Anandapur, P.O. & P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata – 700 107 is hereby directed as follows:

1. That, the HCU shall strictly abide by all the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

2. That, the HCU shall properly maintain the register for keeping record of bio medical waste generation and its disposal.

3. That, the HCU shall provide weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.

4. That, the HCU shall operate the effluent treatment facility efficiently and shall never discharge untreated effluent outside the unit premises.

5. That, the HCU shall not use the additional 60 beds without obtaining ‘Environmental Clearance’, ‘Consent to Establish’ and ‘Consent to Operate’.

6. That, the HCU shall not carry out any expansion project without obtaining prior permission from the Board.

7. That, the validity period of the existing Bank Guarantee of Rs. 1 lakh shall be extended for further one year.

The Camac Street Circle Office of the Board will conduct an inspection of the HCU within July 2015 to verify the status of compliance. If the HCU is again found to be non-complying, the Board will have no other option but to take strict action without any further reference.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 as amended after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Operation and Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board