WHEREAS, M/s. Nightingale Diagnostic & Medicare Centre Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit), located at 11, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-700 071 is a 120 beded Health Care Unit (HCU).

AND WHEREAS, the Health Care Unit was inspected by the officials of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 27/04/2015. The following observations were made during inspection:-

1. The HCU has installed additional 20 beds without obtaining necessary permission from the Board. However, the additional beds were not being utilized as observed during inspection.

2. Blue and yellow plastic bags were found at every ward. Bio-medical wastes were not segregated in most of the wards. Mixing of bio-medical waste with general waste like food waste, paper waste, wrapper of disposable syringe, empty packets of medicine was observed in yellow and blue bags.

3. Needle cutter is provided at every ward. But in most of the wards needles, syringes were found to be disposed of in non-mutilated condition. No disinfectant solution was observed within the puncture proof white containers.

4. The nurses and Group D staffs handling bio-medical waste are not well conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the BMW Rules.

5. Intermediate bio-medical waste storage room was not marked with bio-hazard symbol.

6. Bio-medical waste generation records are maintained.

AND WHEREAS, last CFO of the HCU was valid upto 31/03/2015 for 100 beds. The HCU has applied for renewal of Consent to Operate and the Bio-medical Waste Authorisation on 06/04/2015 along with CFE for expansion of 20 beds. The Clinical Licence is valid upto 03/06/2017 for 120 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 agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. They submitted that they would not use additional 20 beds without obtaining necessary permission from the Board. They also submitted that they would take necessary corrective measures within one month to comply with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. Nightingale Diagnostic & Medicare Centre Pvt. Ltd. located at 11, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-700 071 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 segregate different categories of bio-medical wastes at the point of generation and keep the same in colour-coded bags/containers as per the BMW rules.
3. That, the HCU shall properly maintain the register for keeping record of bio medical waste generation and its disposal.

4. That, the HCU shall mutilate used disposable needles/syringes. All the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles shall be mutilated before disposal.

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

6. That, the HCU shall arrange training programmes regarding handling of the bio-medical wastes for its staffs involving the common TSDF operator.

7. That, the intermediate bio-medical waste storage room shall be marked with bio-hazard symbol.

8. That, the HCU shall install an effluent treatment plant for treatment of their liquid effluent within six months. An action plan in this regard shall be submitted by the HCU within one month.

9. That, the HCU shall submit a compliance report of the above directions to the Board within 31st July, 2015.

The Camac Street Circle Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection of the HCU after July 2015 to verify the status of compliance of BMW rules. In case of any deviation from the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998, and its subsequent amendments, stringent regulatory action will be initiated.

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