WHEREAS, M/s. Repose Clinic & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd. [hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit- HCU] located at 20C, Broad Street (Ballygunge), P.S.- Karaya, Kolkata – 700 019 is a 62 bedded health care unit (HCU) with Operation Theatre facility.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 22/05/2013 by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). During inspection the following observations were made:-

- No blue and yellow bag was observed, but bins (without having blue and yellow bags) were observed under each bed of the HCU for collection of biomedical waste as well as municipal solid waste. No segregation of biomedical waste was observed.
- Mixing of biomedical waste with municipal waste was observed at every point of generation of biomedical waste.
- No needle cutter was observed inside the HCU building. 1 no. needle cutter was observed in a room at the back side of the unit premises. Mutilation of syringes/needles was not found to be carried out.
- No white puncture proof container with disinfectant solution was observed. Non-mutilated needles/syringes were observed to be disposed of along with other biomedical wastes.
- The nurses and the Gr.-D staffs are not conversant with the methodology of the biomedical waste segregation.
- The HCU has no separate room for temporary storage of bio-medical waste. Waste was found to be stored in the plastic bins and kept in open space in front of the nursing home building without bio-hazard symbol.

AND WHEREAS, the last ‘Consent to Operate’ of the HCU was valid up to 30/04/2013. The HCU has applied for ‘Consent to Operate’ and Bio-med Authorisation for 70 nos. of beds along with ‘Consent to Establish’ for additional 8 nos. of beds.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 24.07.2013 at the head office of the Board for the non-compliances as mentioned 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 have taken pro-active steps towards compliance of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998 and its amendments thereafter.
NOW, THEREFORE, considering the submission of the HCU and as it is first time violation, M/s. Repose Clinic & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd. located at 20C, Broad Street (Ballygunge), P.S.- Karaya, Kolkata – 700 019 is hereby directed by the Board as follows:

1. That, the HCU shall comply with all the relevant provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its amendments.

The HCU will be inspected by the Camac St. Circle Office within one month from hereof and if the HCU is found to violate the direction of the Board, stricter regulatory action like issuance of ‘Notice for Closure’ will be initiated.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and The Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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