WHEREAS, M/s. South Calcutta Clinic [hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit (HCU)], located at 19A, Hindusthan Road, KMC Ward No. 85, Kolkata – 700 029 is a 52 bedded Health Care Establishment with pathology and OT facility.

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 18/12/2013 by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The following non-compliances were observed during inspection:-

- No blue bag or yellow bag was observed at the HCU. Only one or two bins were observed under each bed for collection of biomedical waste as well as municipal solid waste.
- Bio-medical wastes are not segregated at source. Mixing of bio-medical waste with municipal solid waste was observed at every point of generation of bio-medical waste.
- Disposable syringes, needles were not mutilated before disposal.
- The nurses and the Group-D staffs handling the bio-medical waste are not conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation.
- The HCU has no separate room for temporary storage of bio-medical waste. As informed by the representative of the HCU, bio-medical wastes are stored in a place at the back side of the HCU before disposal. However no bio-medical waste was observed to be stored at that place during inspection.

AND WHEREAS, last CFO and bio-medical waste authorization of the HCU expired on 30/06/2013 for 50 beds. The HCU has applied for CFO and bio-medical waste authorization on 09/12/2013 for 52 beds along with CFE for expansion (for 2 beds).

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 20/02/2014 at the head office of the Board for the non-compliance of environmental norms as observed during inspection by the Board Officials.

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 take necessary steps within one month for complying with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the above, M/s. South Calcutta Clinic located at 19A, Hindusthan Road, KMC Ward No. 85, Kolkata – 700 029 is hereby directed by the Board as follows:-

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

• **That**, the HCU shall mutilate used disposable syringes and undertake chemical treatment of the same before disposal. Moreover, all the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles etc. will be mutilated before disposal.

• **That**, the HCU shall construct intermediate bio-medical wastes storage room.

• **That**, the HCU shall properly maintain records of Bio-medical Waste generation as provided in the Rules and submit Annual Return regarding the same in Form No.-II within 31st January every year.

• **That**, the HCU shall always operate with valid Consent to Operate of the Board and clinical licence of CMOH.

• **That**, the HCU is granted one month time towards compliance of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

The Senior Environmental Engineer, Camac Street Circle Office is requested to cause an inspection to the HCU after 31/03/2014 to verify whether the compliance of the environmental norms.

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 and 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