WHEREAS, M/s. Repose Clinic & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd. [hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit- HCU] located at 20/C, Broad Street (Ballygunge), P.S.- Karaya, Kolkata – 700019 is a health care unit (HCU) with bed capacity 70 (seventy).

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 13/05/2014 by the officials of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Plastic container with color-coded plastic bags was provided under each bed at every ward for collection of bio-medical wastes.
- Electrical needle destroyer/needle cutter was found in every ward. Hard container with chemical disinfection for collection of sharp items was also noticed.
- The HCU has provided an intermediate storage room with bio-hazard symbol at the ground floor for storing of bio-medical wastes.
- No used saline bottle was noticed anywhere in the HCU.
- Poster containing BMW segregation guideline was not found at any concerned area of the HCU.
- Bio medical waste generation record and manifest could not be shown.
- The HCU has no Committee to look after the BMW management as well as disposal system.
- Nurses and Group D staff are conversant to some extent with the methodology of bio medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the BMW rules.
- DG sets 82.5 KVA and 40 KVA are installed in a room under asbestos roof shade and the room is not acoustically enclosed.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ and BMW authorization of the HCU are valid up to 30.04.2016. Clinical license of the HCU is valid up to 20.06.2015.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 26.06.2014 at the head office of the Board for the non-compliances as mentioned above.

AND WHEREAS, the representative of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He stated that they have taken some steps for improving the in house bio-medical waste management system. He also submitted that they would take necessary measures to achieve total compliance of BMW rules regarding maintaining bio medical waste generation register and manifest, proper keeping of saline bottles after puncturing, arranging lock and key for the BMW intermediate storage room & weighing machine to check weight of waste before handing over to TSDF operator and a committee will be formed shortly to look after the BMW management of the unit. An action taken report in this regard will be submitted by the unit shortly.
NOW THEREFORE, considering the submission of the HCU, M/s. Repose Clinic & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd. located at 20/C, Broad Street (Ballygunge), P.S.- Karaya, Kolkata – 700 019 is hereby directed by the Board 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 bio medical waste generation register and manifest.

3. That, the HCU shall arrange lock and key for the BMW intermediate storage room & weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to TSDF operator.

4. That, the HCU shall dispose all the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles after puncturing the same.

5. That, the HCU shall submit Annual Return in Form No.-II within 31st January every year as per the provisions of the rules.

6. That, the HCU shall submit an **undertaking on non-judicial stamp paper** regarding compliance of the above mentioned directions.

The concerned Circle Office will keep vigil on the HCU and if it is again found to violate the direction of the Board, stricter regulatory action like issuance of ‘Notice for Closure’ may 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