DIRECTION

WHEREAS, M/s. Eco Hospital & Diagnostics (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit [HCU]) located at 111/1, Jessore Road, P.O. & P.S.- Barasat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin – 700 124 is a 50 bedded Health Care Unit (HCU).

AND WHEREAS, inspection of the HCU was carried out on 25/07/2014 by official of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Bio-medical wastes were not segregated at source and were found to be stored in common storage place.
- Mixing of bio-medical waste with general waste was observed and the same was being taken by two outsiders in big plastic bags.
- Chemical disinfection procedure for sharps, broken ampules and scalpels was not observed.
- The HCU has not submitted Annual Reports as per the provisions of BMW Rules.

AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ and BMW authorization of the HCU was valid up to 30/06/2013. Clinical licence of the HCU expired on 08/04/2014 and the licence for the pathological laboratory expired on 05/05/2014. The agreement with M/s. Semb Ramky Env. Management Pvt. Ltd. for collection, treatment and disposal of bio-medical waste expired on 30/09/2014.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 25/09/2014 at the head office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above.

AND WHEREAS, the Director of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. He submitted that they would take necessary steps to achieve total compliance of BMW rules within a month. The Technical Committee cautioned the HCU that under any circumstances, no bio-medical wastes shall be disposed through unauthorized person.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, the Board is hereby pleased to direct M/s. Eco Hospital & Diagnostics located at 111/1, Jessore Road, P.O. & P.S.- Barasat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin – 700 124 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 record of bio medical waste generation and its disposal.

4. **That**, the HCU shall arrange for intermediate bio-medical storage room with lock & key facility and provide weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.

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

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

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

The Barrackpore Regional Office of the Board shall conduct an inspection of the HCU after November 2014 to verify the status of compliance of BMW rules. If the HCU is again found non-complying, strict 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 Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially the Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules 1998 as amended after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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Chief Engineer
Operation & Execution Cell
West Bengal Pollution Control Board