WHEREAS, M/s. Fortis Hospitals Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit [HCU]) located at 730, Anandapur, P.O. & P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata – 700 107 is a 200 bedded Health Care Unit (HCU).

AND WHEREAS, during earlier inspection by official of West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) on 13/11/2013, it was observed that the HCU had installed additional 60 beds apart from existing 200 beds without obtaining ‘Consent to Establish’ from the Board. After conducting a hearing of the HCU on 09/01/2014, the HCU was directed vide order dated 27/03/2014 not to use the additional 60 beds without obtaining ‘Consent to Establish’ and ‘Consent to Operate’ from the Board with imposition of a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 1.00 lakh. The HCU submitted the BG amount which is valid upto 24/04/2015.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was again inspected on 19/09/2014 and during inspection it was observed that the additional 60 beds were not being used by the HCU. The HCU has recently applied for ‘Consent to Establish’ (NOC) for the said beds to the Board. Following observation was made during inspection:-

- Blue and yellow plastic bags were found at different wards and bio-medical wastes were segregated at source.

- Needle cutter was found in every ward. Disposable syringes, needles saline bottles were found in mutilated condition before disposal. White puncture proof containers with disinfectant solution were found for collection of sharp items.

- The nurses handling the bio-medical waste are conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation. As reported, the HCU arranges training programme regarding handling of BMW.

- The HCU has intermediate storage room with bio-hazard symbol for storing of bio-medical waste.

- ETP of the HCU was found in defunct condition.

AND WHEREAS, it is revealed from the inspection report that the HCU has improved its biomedical waste management, but the ETP is still in defunct condition.
AND WHEREAS, the ‘Consent to Operate’ was valid upto 30/09/2014 and BMW authorization is valid up to 30/09/2016 for 200 beds. The HCU has applied for the renewal of the ‘Consent to Operate’ on 23/09/2013. CMOH licence of the HCU is valid up to 19/08/2017 for 260 beds.

AND WHEREAS, the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 27/11/2014 at the head office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as recorded above. The Technical Committee apprised the representatives of the HCU during the course of hearing that as the total built up area of the HCU exceeds 20,000.00 sq.m. which attracts the EIA Notification of 2006; they are required to obtain Environmental Clearance.

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 positive steps towards compliance of Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments. They also submitted that the ETP will be made operational within two months. They mentioned that they would obtain Environmental Clearance for its expansion and would not use the additional 60 beds before obtaining all statutory clearances. The Technical Committee directed the HCU to submit a stamp paper undertaking in this regard. The HCU submitted the same on 09/12/2014.

NOW THEREFORE, considering the above, the Board is hereby pleased to direct M/s. Fortis Hospitals Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the Health Care Unit [HCU]) located at 730, Anandapur, P.O. & P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata – 700 107 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 not use the additional 60 beds without obtaining ‘Environmental Clearance’, ‘Consent to Establish’ and ‘Consent to Operate’.

3. **That**, the ETP of the HCU shall be made operational positively by 31st January, 2015.

The concerned Circle Office of the Board will conduct an inspection of the HCU after January 2015 to verify the status of compliance. If the HCU is again found to be non-complying, the Board will take strict action including forfeiture of Bank Guarantee.

This direction is issued in exercise of the power 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,

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