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**DIRECTION**

**WHEREAS, M/s. Anandalok** (hereinafter referred to as Health Care Unit) located at **DK-7/3, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 091** is a 151 bedded Health Care Unit with pathological testing and OT facility.

**AND WHEREAS,** the HCU was earlier issued Notice for Closure on 14/01/2015 by the **West Bengal Pollution Control Board** (hereinafter referred to as the Board) for non-compliances observed during inspections by the Board officials. The HCU submitted a letter to the Board on 17/03/2015 mentioning that installation work of the effluent treatment plant (ETP) is expected to be completed within a period of forty-five days. Subsequently, Notice for Closure was suspended by the Board on 08/04/2015 with the condition that the HCU shall complete the installation work of ETP within 31/05/2015 and shall strictly abide by all the provisions of the BMW rules.

**AND WHEREAS,** inspection of the HCU was again carried out by Board official on 12/06/2015. The following observations were made during inspection:-

- Blue and yellow bags were found in few wards, in most of the wards no blue or yellow bags were observed for collection of bio-medical waste.
- Bio-medical wastes were not segregated at source.
- No needle cutter was observed during inspection. White puncture proof container for storing sharp items was observed, but not at every concerned place and the containers were without any disinfectant solution.
- Mutilation of disposable needles, syringes was not done by the HCU before disposal.
- The HCU has an intermediate bio-medical waste storage room. But bio-medical waste was found to be stored in drums and blue bags inside the electrical room also.
- Bio-medical waste generation records are not properly maintained.
- Nurses and the Group-D staff handling the bio-medical wastes are not well-conversant with the methodology of the bio-medical waste segregation according to the provisions of the BMW Rules.
- The HCU has not yet started construction of ETP.

**AND WHEREAS,** the CFO and Bio-medical Waste Authorization of the HCU expired on 31/05/2015 (fees valid upto 30/06/2017).

**AND WHEREAS,** the HCU was called for a technical hearing on 21/07/2015 at the Head Office of the Board due to violation of environmental norms as well as Board's directions as recorded above.

**AND WHEREAS,** the representative of the HCU appearing in the hearing agreed with the above mentioned observations of the Board. She submitted that ETP construction work was delayed due to some problems faced in getting permission from Bidhannagar municipality. She stated that they have now started the construction work for ETP and the said work is expected to be completed within two months. She also submitted that they would take necessary corrective measures to comply with the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998.

**NOW THEREFORE**, considering the submission of the HCU, **M/s. Anandalok** located at **DK-7/3, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 091** is hereby directed as follows:

1. **That**, the HCU shall complete the construction work of ETP positively **within 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**.
2. **That**, the HCU shall strictly abide by all the provisions of the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 and its subsequent amendments.
3. **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.
4. **That**, the HCU shall properly maintain record of bio medical waste generation and its disposal.
5. **That**, the HCU shall mutilate used disposable needles/syringes. All the plastic disposable items like saline bottles, I.V. Fluid bottles shall be mutilated before disposal.
6. **That**, the HCU shall provide weighing machine to check weight of the generated waste before handing over to the staff of TSDF operator.
7. **That**, the HCU shall arrange training programmes regarding handling of the bio-medical wastes for its staffs involving the common TSDF operator.
8. **That**, the HCU shall submit a compliance report of the above directions to the Board within 30/09/2015.

The Camac Street Circle Office of the Board is requested to conduct an inspection of the HCU after September 2015 to verify the status of compliance of BMW rules. If the HCU is again found to be non-complying, strict regulatory action will be initiated.

This direction is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder especially the Bio-medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 as amended after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

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**Chief Engineer**  
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**West Bengal Pollution Control Board**