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PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

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UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978

Order under Section 25A

BY virtue of powers vested in me by Section 25A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 I, Lakshman Kiriella, the Minister of Higher Education and Highways, having obtained a report under Section 70C of the aforesaid Act, in respect of the South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine Ltd. a company incorporated in Sri Lanka under the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 and bearing Registration Number PV 64641, do by this Order and subject to the conditions specified in Schedule I hereto, recognize the South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine Ltd. as a Degree Awarding Institute for the purpose of developing higher education therein, leading to the award of the Degrees specified in Column I of Schedule II hereto, of which the abbreviations are set out in the corresponding entries respectively in Column II of Schedule II hereto.

SCHEDULE I

Conditions

- (1) SAITM South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute") shall before the expiry of two months from the date of granting the degree awarding status, submit its Articles of Association duly amended as set out below to the Specified Authority:
 - (a) to specify higher education as an object in the Articles of Association;
 - (b) to undertake to inform the Specified Authority of Voluntary winding up of the Company prior to such winding up.
- (2) The Institute shall before the expiry of twelve months (12) from the date of granting the degree awarding status, submit the following details to Specified Authority:-
 - (i) proof of recruitment of qualified academic and non-academic staff as to meet the requirements of the relevant degree programme;
 - (ii) a study program for the specified period of study in accordance with the norms approved by the University Grants Commission;

- (iii) proof of the availability of the text books, hand books, recommended reading books and other sufficient learning materials required for the relevant degree programme;
- (iv) proof of availability of spacious modernized library with all required collection of books and equipments, which would enable the students to carry out the required researches for the relevant degree programme;
- (v) specifying the requirements for the staff to engage in relevant researches and publish such researches in journals in Sri Lanka.
- (3) The Institute shall before the expiry of 3 years from the date of granting the degree awarding status, establish the following laboratories required to the Engineering Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Degree Programme:
 - i. Material and Mechanics Laboratory
 - ii. Surveying Laboratory
 - iii. Structural Testing Laboratory
 - vi. Geotechnical Laboratory
 - v. Hydraulic Laboratory
- (4) Establishment of Laboratories Institutes shall increase the following laboratory facilities before completion of the second academic year of the first batch of student enrollment and obtain approval from the Specified Authority.
 - i. Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Lab,
 - ii. Industrial Automation and Process Control Lab,
 - iii. Electronics, Instrumentation and Power System Lab,
 - iv. Engineering Workshop.
- (5) Evidence of Quality Assurance Mechanism implementation shall be submitted on an half yearly basis and full implementation evidence shall be submitted within one year of enrolling first batch.

SCHEDULE II

Column I Degree Programs	Column II Abbreviations to the Degree
Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering	BSc (Eng.) (Mechatronics Eng.)
Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Civil Engineering	BSc (Eng.) (Civil Eng.)

In this Order "the Specified Authority" means the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Higher Education on Highways.

The Order made under Section 25A of the aforesaid Act in respect of the South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine Ltd. and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1913/14 of May 7, 2015 is hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways.

Colombo, 21st March, 2016.

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