

**Press Release**

**HLL becomes the first Indian company to**

**receive the prestigious BIS mark for its Blood Bag Systems**

Thiruvananthapuram, 03 August 2023: HLL Lifecare Limited, a Mini Ratna Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, has achieved a significant milestone by obtaining the All India First License for IS/ISO 3826-1 : 2019 for Plastic Collapsible Containers for Human Blood and Blood Components part 1 Conventional Containers. This prestigious recognition from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) marks HLL as the first manufacturer in India to meet the rigorous standards for blood bags.

The IS / ISO 3826-1:2019 standard ensures the quality and safety of blood bags used in critical blood transfusion services.

The Bureau of Indian Standards felicitated HLL for this achievement at a function held at HLL’s Corporate R&D Centre here today (03 August 2023). Shri U.S. P Yadav, Deputy Director General South presented the License Certificate to Shri. Beji George IRTS, C&MD, HLL. Dr. Geeta Sharma, Director (Finance) and Dr.AnithaThampi, Director (Technical) were also present during the occasion.

“This recognition from BIS underscores HLL commitment to ensuring the utmost safety and efficacy of blood transfusion services”, said Shri. Beji George. With the BIS Mark, healthcare facilities can have greater confidence in the reliability and quality of HLL's blood bag systems, ultimately saving lives and improving patient care, he added.

HLL’s state-of-the-art manufacturing facility atAkkulam, here has been at the forefront of producing superior blood bag systems since the early 1990.

HLL offers a comprehensive range of blood bag systems designed to cater to diverse healthcare facility needs. The product lineup includes single, double, triple, and quadruple bags with capacities ranging from 100ml to 500ml. These blood bags incorporate specialized features such as leukodepletion filters, sampling ports, diversion bags, needle injury protectors, and autologous blood bag options.

The ‘HL Haemopack’ Blood Bag System, manufactured using superior-grade Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) material, provides flexibility, strength, and durability to withstand the rigors of blood transfusion handling. HLL ensures that this system meets the highest ISO 3826 standards for quality and safety in blood transfusion services.

Introduced in 2010, the ‘Donato’ Blood Bag Systems by HLL encompass a range of single, multiple, and top and bottom blood bags that meet contemporary blood transfusion needs. Equipped with advanced features like ultra-thin 16G needles, recappable needle covers, inline sampling systems, pinch clamps, tamper-evident labels, and transfusion port covers, Donato blood bags uphold uncompromising quality and safety standards.

The blood bags are manufactured inside 10,000 clean rooms, ensuring a controlled and sterile environment for blood bag production. Stringent quality control measures are implemented at every stage, guaranteeing that each blood bag surpasses industry standards.

HLL currently holds a dominant market share in the Indian blood bags industry. Additionally, the company also exports its premium blood bags to various countries worldwide including…………………..