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March 11, 2013

Kent Parke
Executive Director
West Sands Adoption
1240 East 100 South #1
St. George, UT 84790

Dear Mr. Parke:

Congratulations! I am pleased to formally notify you that **West Sands Adoption** has achieved Hague Accreditation through **February 28, 2017** for **Services for incoming cases** pursuant to the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000. A certificate evidencing your Hague Accreditation will be mailed to you shortly.

A sample press release is enclosed for use in communicating your accreditation to the local media, as well as to your staff, volunteers, clients and licensing authorities. Please remember that if you choose to reference your accreditation on your website, in brochures, on your stationery or in any other communications, you must clearly state that you have achieved "*Hague Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation*".

In the very near future, we will provide you with information regarding your responsibilities during your accreditation cycle. In that regard, you should be aware that COA is responsible for monitoring your conduct *and that of your supervised providers*¹ and for thoroughly reviewing complaints² or other information derived from the Hague Complaint Registry or from reliable sources, including the Department of State.

Again, congratulations on your achievement, and I look forward to our continuing work.

Sincerely,

Richard Klarberg
President and Chief Executive Officer

RK:
Attachment

¹ See 22 CFR 96.65-96.78, ² See 22 CFR 96.71



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 28, 2013

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**WEST SANDS ADOPTION
ACHIEVES HAGUE ACCREDITATION**

West Sands Adoption has received notification that it has achieved Hague Accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) as authorized by the U.S. Department of State, according to an announcement made to **Kent Parke, Executive Director** of the organization.

West Sands Adoption is located at 1240 East 100 South #1, St. George, UT 84790, United States.

Hague Accreditation attests that **West Sands Adoption** is in substantial compliance with the Hague Convention Accreditation Standards. **West Sands Adoption's** Hague Accreditation Expiration Date is **February 28, 2017**.

The Hague Convention is an international treaty created to ensure that intercountry adoptions are in the best interests of children and to prevent abduction, exploitation, sale, or trafficking of children. In 1994 the United States signed this treaty and agreed to develop regulations and a monitoring process for adoption service providers in the U.S. that worked with agencies in countries that signed onto the Convention. For more information about the Hague Convention, including a full list of participating countries, please visit the Hague Conference on Private International Law's website at www.hcch.net.

Congress passed The Intercountry Adoption Act (IAA) in October 2000, which serves as the implementing legislation for the United States. The IAA names the U.S. Department of State (State Department) as the Central Authority for the United States and the federal agency responsible for implementing the Convention. The IAA requires agencies and persons providing adoption services in cases involving Convention countries to be accredited or approved. In July, 2006 the U.S. Department of State named COA as the only national accreditor for adoption service providers under the Hague Convention.

Founded in 1977, COA is an independent, not-for-profit accreditor of the full of the continuum of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations. COA's mission is to partner with human service organizations worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing, applying and promoting accreditation standards. COA envisions excellence in the delivery of human services globally, resulting in the well-being of individuals, families and communities.

COA is endorsed by leading consumer and professional groups and by many regulatory bodies and managed care organizations. COA is sponsored by the Alliance for Children and Families, Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Catholic Charities USA, Child Welfare League of America, Children's Home Society of America, Employee Assistance Society of North America, Foster Family-based Treatment Association, Joint Council on International Children's Services, Lutheran Services in America, National Council For Adoption, National Foundation for Credit Counseling, National Network for Youth, National Organization of State Associations for Children, Prevent Child Abuse America and Volunteers of America.

COA's supporting endorsers include the following organizations: American Association of Children's Residential Centers, American Network of Community Options and Resources, Child Welfare League of Canada, EAGLE Program of the United Methodist Association, Mental Health Corporations of America, Inc., National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, National Association of Family-Based Services, National Association of Psychiatric Treatment Centers for Children, National Association of Social Workers, National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc., National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camps and National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare.

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FINAL RATINGS

Hague Standards

West Sands Adoption
Org #:3036

Standard Code	Standard Value	Rating
LCG		
LCG 96.30		
LCG 96.30.a	M	1
LCG 96.30.b	M	1
LCG 96.30.c	M	1
LCG 96.31		
LCG 96.31.a	M	1
LCG 96.32		
LCG 96.32.a	C	2
LCG 96.32.b	C	2
LCG 96.32.c	F	1
LCG 96.32.d	C	2
LCG 96.32.e	C	1
FRM		
FRM 96.33		
FRM 96.33.a	C	1
FRM 96.33.b	C	1
FRM 96.33.c	C	1
FRM 96.33.d	C	2
FRM 96.33.e	C	1
FRM 96.33.f	C	1
FRM 96.33.g	F	3
FRM 96.33.h	F	1
FRM 96.33.i	F	2
FRM 96.34		
FRM 96.34.a	M	1
FRM 96.34.b	M	1
FRM 96.34.c	M	1
FRM 96.34.d	F	1
FRM 96.34.e	F	1
FRM 96.34.f	F	1
EPR		

M = Mandatory; C = Critical; F = Foundational

Standard Code	Standard Value	Rating
EPR 96.35		
EPR 96.35.a	M	1
EPR 96.35.b	C	2
EPR 96.35.c	C	2
EPR 96.35.e	C	1
EPR 96.36		
EPR 96.36.a	M	1
EPR 96.36.b	M	1
PQT		
PQT 96.37		
PQT 96.37.a	C	2
PQT 96.37.b	C	2
PQT 96.37.c	C	2
PQT 96.37.d	C	2
PQT 96.37.e	C	2
PQT 96.37.f	C	2
PQT 96.38		
PQT 96.38.a	C	2
PQT 96.38.b	F	2
PQT 96.38.c	F	2
PQT 96.38.d	F	2
IFQ		
IFQ 96.39		
IFQ 96.39.a	C	1
IFQ 96.39.b	F	1
IFQ 96.39.c	F	1
IFQ 96.39.d	C	1
IFQ 96.39.e	C	1
IFQ 96.39.f	C	1
IFQ 96.40		
IFQ 96.40.a	C	2
IFQ 96.40.b	C	1
IFQ 96.40.c	C	2
IFQ 96.40.d	C	2
IFQ 96.40.e	C	1
IFQ 96.40.f	F	2
IFQ 96.40.g	C	2
IFQ 96.40.h	F	1
CRR		
CRR 96.41		
CRR 96.41.a	C	2
CRR 96.41.b	C	2
CRR 96.41.c	C	2

Standard Code	Standard Value	Rating
CRR 96.41.d	F	1
CRR 96.41.e	C	1
CRR 96.41.f	C	1
CRR 96.41.g	C	1
CRR 96.41.h	F	2
CRR 96.42		
CRR 96.42.a	C	2
CRR 96.42.b	C	1
CRR 96.42.c	C	1
CRR 96.42.d	C	1
CRR 96.42.e	F	1
CRR 96.43		
CRR 96.43.a	C	1
CRR 96.43.b	F	1
CRR 96.43.d	F	1
SPD		
SPD 96.44		
SPD 96.44.a	C	2
SPD 96.44.b	C	3
SPD 96.45		
SPD 96.45.a	C	2
SPD 96.45.b	C	2
SPD 96.46		
SPD 96.46.a	F	1
SPD 96.46.b	F	1
SPD 96.46.c	F	1
IC		
IC 96.47		
IC 96.47.a	C	2
IC 96.47.b	C	2
IC 96.47.c	C	2
IC 96.47.d	F	1
IC 96.48		
IC 96.48.a	C	2
IC 96.48.b	F	2
IC 96.48.c	F	3
IC 96.48.d	F	2
IC 96.48.e	F	3
IC 96.48.f	F	2
IC 96.48.g	F	1
IC 96.48.h	F	2
IC 96.49		
IC 96.49.a	C	1

Standard Code	Standard Value	Rating
IC 96.49.b	F	1
IC 96.49.c	F	1
IC 96.49.d	C	1
IC 96.49.e	C	1
IC 96.49.f	C	1
IC 96.49.g	C	1
IC 96.49.h	F	1
IC 96.49.i	F	2
IC 96.49.j	C	1
IC 96.49.k	F	1
IC 96.50		
IC 96.50.a	C	1
IC 96.50.b	C	1
IC 96.50.c	C	1
IC 96.50.d	C	1
IC 96.50.e	C	1
IC 96.50.f	F	1
IC 96.50.g	C	1
IC 96.50.h	F	1
IC 96.51		
IC 96.51.a	F	1
IC 96.51.b	F	1
IC 96.51.c	F	1
IC 96.51.d	C	1
IC 96.52		
IC 96.52.a	F	1
IC 96.52.b	C	1
IC 96.52.c	C	1
IC 96.52.d	F	1
IC 96.52.e	C	1