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Dear Dr. Albertini,

FACT and NetCord are pleased to award accreditation to your Cord Blood Bank. The accreditation for your bank is effective for three years beginning November 28, 2012. This accreditation applies to all services and facilities that were inspected by FACT, specifically for cord blood collection, processing, and release for administration of related cord blood units.

The Facilities inspected were SSCB Swiss Stem Cell Bank SA located in Lugano, Switzerland, two of four of collection sites including Ospedale Regionale di Lugano, Lugano, Switzerland and Ospedale Regionale di Locarno, Locarno, Switzerland and the processes for collections at non-fixed collection sites. The collection sites that were not inspected during this accreditation cycle are Ospedale Regionale Bellinzona e Valli, Bellinzona, Switzerland and Ospedale Regionale di Mendrisio, Medrisio, Switzerland.

Please notify the FACT Accreditation Office if there are any significant personnel, facility relocation, and/or contractual changes in your program.

FACT encourages your bank to publicize its accreditation, and provides a Press Kit to help communicate this accomplishment to patients, providers, insurance carriers, and other community stakeholders. The Press Kit includes a list of publicity strategies, a sample press release, and an electronic copy of the FACT Seal of Accreditation. If your bank would like to obtain the Press Kit materials, please complete the FACT Seal of Accreditation License Agreement located in the Press Kit section of FACTWeb on the FACT Web Site (www.factwebsite.org). Note that if this accreditation is used in any advertising, please be certain to include the specific areas (i.e. cord blood collection, processing, testing, banking, selection and release of related cord blood units) for which you are accredited to give an accurate representation of the activities performed in your program and of the accreditation process.

Accredited facilities are listed on the FACT Web Site at www.factwebsite.org. In addition, the identities of accredited programs are published in the *ISCT* Telegraft newsletter and in the ASBMT News.

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FACT accredited banks are required to complete an interim report form during the fifteenth month of their current accreditation cycle. In addition, FACT accredited banks are required to renew their accreditation every three years. Your bank will be invoiced on an annual basis by the anniversary date of your accreditation.

Congratulations on your achievement of FACT-NetCord accreditation and your continuing efforts to provide quality care for those you serve. Please contact us at any time if there are questions, comments, concerns, if you require additional information, or if we can be of any other assistance to you.

Sincerely,



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