

## **Affidavit written by Francois Venter**

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I have known Jason Armstrong since 1995 when his son, Jared Armstrong, was a small child. Jason lived in my house in 1995 and 1996. During this time, he was getting divorced from his first wife, Jeanette Ginslow. While getting divorced and afterwards, Jason and Jeanette shared the responsibility of caring for Jared and although the separation was not easy, both Jason and Jeanette prioritized their child's emotional and physical needs, providing him with a stable and loving environment at all times.

After Jason and Jeanette were divorced, they continued to share custody of their son, and adapted their lives around Jared's needs, making sure Jared had a stable environment during his early school years. Jason so impressed my wife and I with his patient, responsible and compassionate parenting that when our son Felix was born in 1999, we asked him to be his godfather. Since 1999, Jason has consistently proven himself to be a responsible, caring and loving father.

When Jason married Maria, I was happy for him, and was sad when he was unable to be with Jared after they moved to Denmark. In the time Maria and Jason lived in Denmark, Jared's mother Jeanette allowed Jared to travel to Denmark to visit his father. There was never any question that Jason might try and convince Jared to remain in Denmark with him. Instead, Jason asked Maria to return to South Africa with him so that he could be with his son during Jared's last years at school. Since returning to Denmark this year, Jared's mother has again allowed her son to travel to Denmark to visit his father. Again, there was no question of Jason trying to keep Jared in Denmark.

Jason is a responsible and loving parent. He has never for a moment acted in a way that would cause me to doubt his integrity, commitment or trustworthiness as a father to his children. He has never acted in a way that has given me any reason to believe that he's anything but completely competent in his parenting duties, and would certainly never have caused his child to be estranged from his mother.

Any allegations that he might in any way fail in his parental duties or cause his children to be estranged from either of their parents is untrue and spurious.

**Signed by Francois De Waal Venter on this day, 30 September 2007 in  
Johannesburg, South Africa**