BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-11049, Washington County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
)	CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF USE

Authority

ORS 540.505 to 540.580 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

STUART HOLDINGS, LLC B.T.G. LLC 525 N TOMAHAWK DRIVE PORTLAND, OR 97217

Findings of Fact

Background

- 1. On March 31, 2010, DON MALTASE on behalf of STUART HOLDINGS, LLC and BTG, LLC filed an application to change the character of use under Certificate 26960. The Department assigned the application number T-11049.
- 2. On March 2, 2011, the applicants submitted amended Evidence of Use Affidavits to address all of the lands covered under Certificate 26960.
- 3. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 26960 in the name of GLENN F KOENNECKE (perfected under Permit

R-1917)

Use: MILL POND under Reservoir Permit R-1917

Priority Date: OCTOBER 13, 1955 **Quantity:** 40.0 ACRE FEET

Source: MCKAY CREEK, APPROPRIATED UNDER PERMIT S-24434,

tributary to DAIRY CREEK

Pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, any person may file a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of publication of notice of this preliminary determination.

Authorized Point of Diversion:

	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Lot	Q-Q
İ	1 N	2 W	WM	7	3	SE NW

Authorized Place of Use:

	MILL POND								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q					
1 N	2 W	WM	7	NE NW					
1 N	2 W	WM	7	NW NW					
1 N	2 W	WM	7	SE NW					

- 4. Transfer Application T-11049 proposes to change the character of use to storage for general industrial use.
- 5. Notice of the application for transfer was published on April 6, 2010, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 6. On March 4, 2011, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11049 to the applicants. The draft preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of April 4, 2011, for the applicants to respond. The applicants requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicants are authorized to pursue the transfer.

Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-4010(2)]

- 7. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 8. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-11049.
- 9. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 10. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in character of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11049 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the transfer application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-11049 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. The change in character of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11049 is approved.

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- The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 26960 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right certificate 26960 is cancelled.
- The Director may require the water user to install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring devices at each point of diversion. If the Director notifies the water user to install totalizing flow meters or other measuring devices, the water user shall install such devices specified by the Director within the period allowed in the notice. Once installed, the water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order and shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices.
- The approved change shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before October 1, 2012. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicants to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
- When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this _____ day of April 2011.

Dwight/Preach, Water Right Services Administrator for

PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Teri Hranac. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0881 or Teri.K.Hranac@wrd.state.or.us.

Protests should be addressed to the attention of Transfer Section, Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301-1266.