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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

October 4, 2013

Ms. Betty Laas
7931 FM 1093 Road
East Bernard, Texas 77435-8019

CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: Change of Ownership
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Before we can complete the *Change of Ownership*, please submit a copy of the will, will inventory and probate order for the Estate of Glenn D. Laas

Pursuant to 30 Texas Administrative Code §281.18, please submit the requested information and fee by November 4, 2013.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me via e-mail at Sonia.crawford@tceq.texas.gov or by telephone at (512) 239-0636.

Sincerely,

Sonia Crawford, Project Manager
Water Rights Permitting & Availability Section
Water Availability Division

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Enclosures

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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April 4, 2014

Ms. Betty J. Laas
7931 FM 1093
East Bernard, Texas 77435

RE: Change of Ownership
Certificate of Adjudication No. 13-3418

Dear Ms. Laas:

Based on receipt of the *Will of Glen D. Laas, Order Probating Will and Authorizing Letters Testamentary, Inventory, Appraisement, and List of Claims, the Change of Ownership Form,* and the \$100 change of ownership fee we are changing our records to reflect you as part owner of Certificate of Adjudication No. 13-3418.

Certificate of Adjudication 12-3764 authorizes you the maintenance of a 10 acre-foot reservoir on the Middle Bernard Creek; and the diversion and use of 480 acre-feet of water per year for agricultural purposes to irrigate 150 acres out of a 757.124-acre tract in the G. H. & H. RR Company Survey, Abstract 172 and Charles Boyd Survey, Abstract 581, Wharton County, Texas.

Please keep in mind that the 480 acre-feet of water per year of agricultural water rights under this certificate are appurtenant to the entire 757.124 acres of land referenced above. As such, a conveyance of **any portion** of these 757.124 acres, in the future, will automatically carry a **proportionate** share of the water right to the new owner unless it **specifies otherwise** in the conveyance.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me at (512) 239-4748 or via e-mail at donald.carter@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Carter".

Donald Carter, Water Rights Ownership Specialist, MC-160
Water Rights Permitting & Availability Section
Water Availability Division

Last Will and Testament of Glen D. Laas

I, Glen D. Laas, of the city of Houston, in the County of Harris and State of Texas, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, menace, fraud, or undue influence of any person whatsoever, do make, publish and declare this instrument to be my Last Will and Testament, intending hereby to dispose of all property over which I shall at my death have a right of disposition, by appointment, will, or otherwise and I do hereby cancel, revoke and annul all former wills and testaments or codicils by me at any time made.

First; I direct that all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses be paid as soon after my death as can conveniently be done.

Second: All of my estate, real and personal, of whatsoever character and wheresoever situated, of which I shall die seized or possessed or to which I shall be in any way entitled at the time of my death, I give, devise, and bequeath to my wife, Betty J. Roberts Laas, absolutely, if she shall survive me, and if my said wife shall not be living at the time of my death, I give, devise and bequeath my entire estate to my daughter, Debra

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Diane Laas Grant absolutely.

Third: I nominate and appoint my wife, Betty J. Roberts Laas, to be the executrix of this my last will and testament and I direct that my said executrix shall not be required to give any bond or security for the proper discharge of her duties.

Fourth: It is my desire that in the event of the simultaneous death of myself and my wife Betty J. Roberts Laas, or at the death of my said wife after my death; I give, devise and bequeath my entire estate to my daughter, Debra Diane Laas Grant

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal on this fifteenth day of July, 1984.

Glen D. Laas

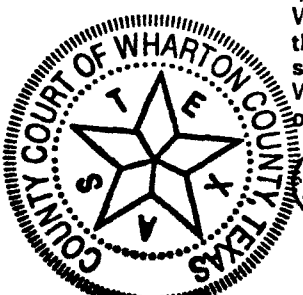
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County Clerk, Wharton County, TX



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I, SANDRA K. SANDERS, County Clerk, Wharton County, Texas, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in my office. Witness my hand and Seal of Office on 12-13-11



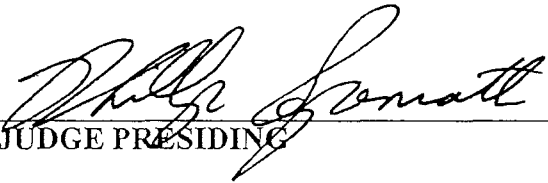
Sandra K. Sanders, County Clerk
By Barbara Svatek
Deputy
Barbara Svatek

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TESTAMENT of said GLEN D. LAAS, Deceased, and that BETTY LAAS be, and is hereby appointed Independent Executrix of said Will and Estate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Court that Letters Testamentary upon the Will and Estate of GLEN D. LAAS, Deceased, be and the same are hereby granted, that the Clerk shall issue said Letters Testamentary to BETTY LAAS, as Independent Executrix, when qualified according to law, and that no other action shall be had in this Court other than the return of an Inventory, Appraisalment and List of Claims as required by law and the notice to beneficiaries required by Section 128A of the Texas Probate Code. The following are hereby appointed to appraise the estate and return such appraisalment to the court: 12-12-11

SIGNED this 13 day of September, 2011.


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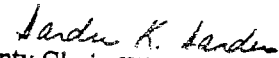
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


HEATH S. RADLEY

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INVENTORY, APPRAISEMENT AND LIST OF CLAIMS

Date of Death: June 9, 2011

The following is a full, true, and complete Inventory and Appraisement of all real property situated in the State of Texas and of all personal property wherever situated, together with a List of Claims due and owing to this Estate as of the date of death, which have come to the possession or knowledge of the undersigned.

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

COMMUNITY PROPERTY

VALUE

1. REAL PROPERTY:

Parcel #1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

757.124 acres of land, more or less, in Wharton County, Texas and being the same land described in Warranty Deed dated September 30, 1993 from Harry H. Anderson, et ux, to Glen D. Laas, et ux, recorded in Volume 74, Page 115 of the Deed Records of Wharton County, Texas

Total value of asset: \$1,892,810.00

Less surviving spouse share: \$<946,405.00>

\$946,405.00

Parcel #2

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

17.22 acres of land, more or less, in Fort Bend County, Texas and being a portion of the same land described in Deed dated September 26, 1970 from Frieda Dreibrodt, et al, to Glen D. Laas, et ux, recorded in Volume 534, Page 531 of the Deed Records of Fort Bend County, Texas

Total value of asset: \$602,700.00

Less surviving spouse share: \$<301,350.00>

\$301,350.00

2. PRODUCING MINERAL & ROYALTY INTEREST:

Mineral Parcel #1

Lease ID 241002.14, RI 0.003178, FB Duncan 1, W Bernard/M&C #28/C Boyd Survey, RRC: 5248

Total value of asset: \$3.00

Less surviving spouse share: \$<1.50>

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Mineral Parcel #2
Lease ID 151768, RI 0.000411, Sinclair 1,
Bernard W/James M. Rose #3 Survey, RRC: 151768
Total value of asset: \$106.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<53.00>

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Mineral Parcel #3
Lease ID 241002.18, RI 0.003178, FB Duncan 1,
W Bernard/M&C #28/C Boyd Survey, RRC: 5248
Total value of asset: \$1.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<.50>

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Mineral Parcel #4
Lease ID 251306, RI 0.000411, Jacobs Well #1,
W Bernard/Abstract 324/JM Rose Survey 3, RRC: 0
Total value of asset: \$94.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<47.00>

\$ 47.00

Mineral Parcel #5
Lease ID 254236, RI 0.000411, Jacobs Well
W Bernard/Abstract 324/JM Rose Survey, RRC: 0
Total value of asset: \$13.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<6.50>

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3. HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS:

Total value: \$25,000.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<12,500.00>

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4. AUTOMOBILES, FARM EQUIPMENT AND IMPLEMENTS:

Vehicle #1
Description: 2006 Ford F-250 Pick-Up
VIN #: [REDACTED]
Total value of asset: \$20,473.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<10,236.50>

\$ 10,236.50

Vehicle #2
Description: 2008 Honda CRV
VIN #: [REDACTED]
Total value of asset: \$16,062.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<8,031.00>

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5. FARM EQUIPMENT

See Attached Exhibit A
Total value of asset: \$96,950.00
Less surviving spouse share: \$<48,475.00>

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- 6. **CASH IN BANKS:**
Account #1
Institution: Hill Bank & Trust Co.
Account type: Certificate of Deposit (BETTY LAAS)
Account/CD No: [REDACTED]
Total value of asset: \$ 72,553.28
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <36,276.64> \$ 36,276.64

- 7. **INSURANCE:**

Policy #1 (Life @88)
Insurer: Prudential (Betty's)
Policy No.: [REDACTED]
Total value of asset: \$8,667.23
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <4,333.62> \$ 4,333.62

Policy #2
Insurer: Prudential (Whole Life)
Policy No.: [REDACTED] (Betty's)
Total value of asset: \$4,011.41
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <2,005.71> \$ 2,005.71

Policy #3
Insurer: Prudential (Whole Life)
Policy No.: [REDACTED] (Betty's)
Total value of asset: \$6,913.71
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <3,456.86> \$ 3,456.86

- 8. **STOCKS AND BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS:**

The Allstate Corporation
2,362.982 Shares, Account [REDACTED]
Value of Share \$30.20
Total value of asset: \$71,362.06
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <35,681.03> \$ 35,681.03

Prudential Financial
151 Shares, Account [REDACTED]
Value of Share \$60.13
Total value of asset: \$9,079.63
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <4,539.82> \$ 4,539.82

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Co.
1,675.7374 Shares, Certificate # [REDACTED]
Value of Share \$22.51
Total value of asset: \$37,720.85
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <18,860.43> \$ 18,860.43

Discover Financial Services
800.3304 Shares
Value of Share \$22.82
Total value of asset: \$18,263.54
Less surviving spouse share: \$ <9,131.77> \$ 9,131.77

Shell Provident Fund (Betty's 401k)
 Total value of asset: \$1,411,806.80
 Less surviving spouse share: \$<705,903.40> \$705,903.40

9. MISCELLANEOUS:

Item #1
 Cattle
 See Attached Exhibit B
 Total value of asset: \$212,217.65
 Less surviving spouse share: \$<106,108.83>

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Item #2
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 See Attached Exhibit B
 Total value of asset: \$4,530.00
 Less surviving spouse share: \$<2,265.00>

TOTAL COMMUNITY PROPERTY \$2,255,669.11

SEPARATE PROPERTY

VALUE

1. REAL PROPERTY:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

96.448 acres of land set aside to Glen D. Laas and called "Share No. I." in that certain Partition Deed dated August 6, 1977, between Annie Laas, et al, recorded in Volume 308, Page 762 of the Deed Records of Lavaca County, Texas.

Total Value: \$352,035.20 \$352,035.20

TOTAL SEPARATE PROPERTY \$352,035.20

LIST OF CLAIMS OWED TO ESTATE

No claims are due and owing to the Estate of **GLEN D. LAAS**, Deceased.

TOTAL VALUE OF ESTATE

The total value of the Estate of **GLEN D. LAAS**, Deceased is **\$2,607,704.31**

The Independent Executrix asks the Court that foregoing Inventory, Appraisement and List of Claims be approved and entered of record.


Betty J. Laas

BETTY J. ROBERTS LAAS
Independent Executrix of the Estate of GLEN
LAAS, Deceased

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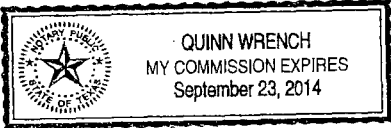
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I, **BETTY J. ROBERTS LAAS**, having been duly sworn, hereby state on oath that the said Inventory and List of Claims are a true and complete statement of property and claims of the estate that have come to my knowledge.

Betty J. Laas
BETTY J. ROBERTS LAAS
Independent Executrix of the Estate of GLEN
LAAS, Deceased

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the 27th day of August 2012 by **BETTY J. ROBERTS LAAS**, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office



Quinn Wrench
Notary Public, State of Texas

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County Clerk, Wharton County, TX

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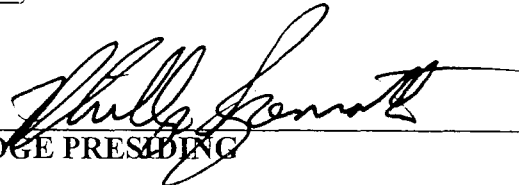
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ORDER APPROVING INVENTORY, APPRAISEMENT & LIST OF CLAIMS

The foregoing Inventory, Appraisement and List of Claims of the above estate having been filed and presented; there having been no objections made thereto; and the Court having considered and examined the same, is satisfied that it should be approved.

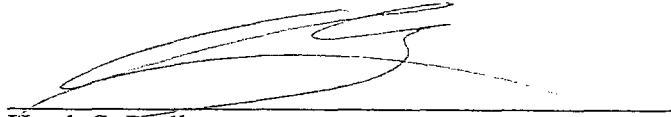
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the foregoing Inventory, Appraisement and List of Claims is in all respects approved and **ORDERED** entered of record.

SIGNED on the 30 day of August, 2012.




JUDGE PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

PO Box 13088, MC-160
Austin, Texas 78711-3088
Telephone (512) 239-4691, FAX (512) 239-4770

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP FORM

Request for Transfer of

Permit No. _____

Certificate of Adjudication No. 1533418

Pursuant to TAC 297.81-297.83 relating to Conveyances of Land and Water Rights, the owners must provide the completed copy of this "Change of Ownership" form together with the following:

- (1) Certified and/or recorded copies of legal documents establishing a complete chain of title from the owner of record to the current owner. These documents usually consist of **deeds and other such conveyances** or, in case of an inheritance, the (a) **will**, (b) **probate order** and (c) **will inventory**.
- (2) ~~\$100 fee~~ for changing the ownership records of the permit/certificate of adjudication. Make your remittance payable to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

New Owner's Name: Betty J. Laas

Address: 7931 FM 1093 Road
East Bernard, TX 77435-8019

Telephone No(s): Home: 713-805-8928 Office: - Fax: -

Customer Reference Number (if issued): CN _____

Note: If you do not have a Customer Reference Number, complete Section II of the Core Data Form (TCEQ-10400) and submit it with this application.

Betty J. Laas
Name (sign)

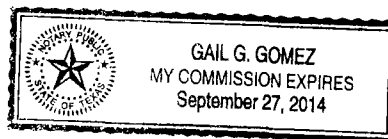
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BETTY J LAAS
Name (print)

Name (print)

Subscribed and sworn to me as being true and correct before me this 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2013.

Gail G. Gomez
Notary Public, State of Texas



Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., *Chairman*
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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October 18, 2013

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East Bernard, Texas 77435-8019

CERTIFIED MAIL

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Carter".

Donald Carter, Project Manager
Water Rights Permitting & Availability Section
Water Availability Division

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7931 FM 1093 Road
East Bernard, TX 77435-8019
February 25, 2012

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Water Rights Permitting MC 160
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Gentlemen:

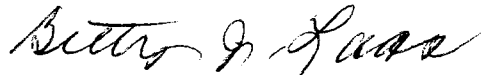
Enclosed is our 2011 Report of Surface Water Used for the year ending December 31, 2011.

In February of 2011 our mailing address changed to the above address due to changing from a Post Office Box in Wallis to receiving home delivery of our mail. For some strange reason we are included in the East Bernard postal district which is nowhere near us but we now have the above mailing address even though we live at Chesterville and are much closer to Wallis than East Bernard.

Also, on June 9, 2011, my husband Glen D. Laas passed away. He always handled all the business matters and I am just struggling through the process of learning about these things. I apologize for being a bit late getting this report to you. I had to rely on good neighbors to help me in the preparation of it. Fortunately my husband had good notes regarding water usage and we were able to complete this report.

Please let me know if you need a copy of the Death Certificate or another other information.

Sincerely,



Betty J. Laas (Mrs. Glen D. Laas)

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Enclosure (1)

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East Bernard, TX 77435-8019
November 7, 2013

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Donald Carter, Project Manager
Water Rights Permitting & Availability
Water Availability Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Mr. Carter:


This is in reply to your letter dated October 18, 2013 regarding a change of ownership.

Enclosed are the following documents:

Change of Ownership Form Notarized
TCEQ Core Data Form
Last Will & Testament of Glen D. Laas
Probate Order
Will Inventory

Thanks for your patience and kind assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Betty J. Laas

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