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The Department of Justice announced today that it has advised counsel for Black and Decker Manufacturing Company, Towson, Maryland, that it will bring suit under the antitrust laws to challenge Black and Decker's proposed acquisition of McCulloch Corporation, Los Angeles, California, if the two companies continue with their plan to consummate the merger.

Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson said that the suit would charge that the merger would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act.

Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Kauper said that if the government brings suit it would ask for a preliminary injunction to halt the merger pending trial.

Black and Decker manufactures portable electric tools and lawn and garden tools.

McCulloch manufactures gasoline powered chain saws and other products.