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The Department of Justice today filed a civil antitrust suit challenging the acquisition by Certain-teed Products Corporation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, of a fiberglass insulation manufacturing plant in Shelbyville, Indiana, from PPG Industries, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attorney General Willaim B. Saxbe said the suit, charging that the acquisition violated Section 7 of the Clayton Act, was filed in the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia.

Certain-teed acquired the fiberglass insulation manufacturing plant and other related assets from PPG on March 30, 1973.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Bruce B. Wilson, in charge of the Antitrust Division, said that as a result of the acquisition, actual competition between Certain-teed and PPG in the manufacture and sale of industrial fiberglass insulation has been eliminated and that concentration in that industry has been increased.

Total sales of industrial fiberglass insulation products in 1972 were approximately \$151.7 million, the complaint said.

The complaint alleged that in 1972 Certain-teed accounted for approximately 17.8 percent of total industry sales of industrial fiberglass insulation products with sales of \$27 million.

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In the same year, PPG accounted for approximately 11.5 percent of total industry sales of industrial fiberglass insulation products, with sales of \$17.4 million.

According to the complaint, after the acquisition only three companies in the United States manufactured industrial fiberglass insulation products. The suit alleges that the industry is highly concentrated.

In 1972, Certain-teed had total sales of \$392 million. In the same year, PPG's total sales were \$1.4 billion.

The complaint asked that Certain-teed be ordered to divest itself of the Shelbyville, Indiana, plant either by sale to a third party or by returning ownership and control to PPG.

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