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The Department of Justice today filed a two-count civil antitrust suit alleging that Rea Construction Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, conspired to rig bids on two construction projects in North Carolina in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said the civil suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Charlotte.

After filing the civil antitrust suit, the Department filed a proposed final judgment that would terminate the suit against Rea Construction Company.

Sanford M. Litvack, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, said the proposed final judgment, which will become final upon approval by the court, would enjoin the defendant from fixing prices, rigging bids, or allocating customers or territories on contracts for asphalt or concrete paving projects.

Mr. Litvack said that the civil suit followed a two-count felony criminal information charging the company with the same two conspiracies alleged in the complaint and felony informations charging two of Rea's officials with a single-count conspiracy.

The company and its two officials entered pleas of guilty on June 4, 1980. Rea Construction Company was fined \$350,000 and the two individuals were sentenced to 120 days and 60 days imprisonment.

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In accordance with the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act of 1974, a competitive impact statement regarding the proposed final judgment has been filed with the court. Copies of this statement and the proposed decree are available upon request in the Legal Procedure Unit, Room 7416, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530. They are also available for inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court in Charlotte.

Comments to the Department and to the court regarding the decree are invited from members of the public within the next 60 days. They are to be directed to Anthony V. Nanni, Chief, Trial Section, Room 3266, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

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