

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
FOURTH DIVISION

4-61 Civ. 162

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Morton Salt Company and
Diamond Crystal Salt Company,

Defendants.

AMENDED FINAL JUDGMENT

Plaintiff, United States of America, having filed its complaint herein on July 11, 1961, the defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company having appeared and filed their respective answers to the complaint, and trial of this cause having been held in accordance with the stipulation assented to by attorneys for said parties signed by the Court and filed on November 4, 1963, and the Court having on August 6, 1964, issued a Memorandum Decision directing the submission of a decree in accordance therewith and the Court having filed its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on November 24, 1964, and the Court having filed its order amending the Final Judgment on February 19, 1965,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

I

This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter hereof and of said parties hereto. The complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against the defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company under Section 1 of the Act of Congress of

July 2, 1890, entitled "An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," commonly known as the Sherman Act, as amended, and defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company have combined and conspired to fix prices of rock salt in restraint of interstate trade and commerce in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

II

As used in this Amended Final Judgment:

(A) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or legal or governmental entity;

(B) "Rock salt" means a common salt (sodium chloride) occurring in solid form as a mineral.

III

The provisions of this Amended Final Judgment applicable to the defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company shall also apply to their respective subsidiaries, successors, assigns, officers, directors, agents and employees, and to all other persons in active concert or participation with such defendants who shall have received actual notice of this Amended Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise, but shall not apply to transactions solely between a defendant and its officers, directors, agents, employees, parent company and subsidiaries, or any of them, when acting in such capacity.

IV

The defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company are each enjoined and restrained from entering into, adhering to, maintaining or claiming any right under any contract, combination, agreement, understanding, plan or program with any other person to:

(A) Establish, maintain, stabilize or fix prices, pricing methods or any other terms or conditions for any sale to any third person;

(B) Submit collusive or rigged bids or quotations to any third person.

V

The defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company are each enjoined and restrained from entering into, adhering to, maintaining or claiming any right under any contract, combination, agreement, understanding, plan or program with any seller of rock salt to:

(A) Bid or quote, refrain from bidding or quoting or communicate an intention to bid or quote on any rock salt to be sold to any third person; or

(B) Hinder, restrict, limit or prevent any person from selling rock salt to, or purchasing rock salt from, any third person.

VI

The defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company are each enjoined and restrained from directly or indirectly:

(A) Urging or suggesting to any seller of rock salt the quotation or charging of any price or other term or condition of sale for rock salt;

(B) Communicating to or exchanging with any person any information relative to prices, pricing methods or transportation charges applicable to rock salt, except with

(1) prospective purchasers in connection with bona fide purchases or sale negotiations or published offers to sell;

(2) carriers in connection with bona fide shipments;
and

(3) warehousemen in connection with bona fide storage arrangements.

(C) Disclosing to or exchanging with any seller of rock salt the intention to submit or not submit a bid or quotation, the fact that

a bid or quotation has or has not been submitted or made, or the content or terms of any bid or quotation.

(D) Selling rock salt to any reseller thereof on a commission basis.

VII

The defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company are each directed and ordered for a period of three years after the date of the entry of this Amended Final Judgment to prepare monthly a sworn statement in the form set forth in the Appendix hereto attached in which it shall list each bid for rock salt submitted by it to a governmental body during the next preceding calendar month. These sworn statements are to be submitted to the Department of Justice of the United States by such defendant on or before the last date of each calendar month during the three-year period commencing March 31, 1965. A duplicate of the sworn statement as to the bids listed thereon, together with the work papers used in the preparation of such bid shall be kept in the files of the defendant for a period of three years from the date of the execution of such bids.

VIII

Nothing in this Amended Final Judgment shall be deemed to (a) prevent the defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company from individually or jointly with others presenting their views to appropriate regulatory agencies with respect to import tariffs or taxes upon or transportation charges for rock salt, or (b) prevent such defendants from exercising any rights they may have under the Act of Congress of 1937, commonly called the Miller-Tydings Act, as amended, or (c) require that such defendants act in violation of any law or regulation of the United States of America, or (d) prevent such defendants, or any of their respective subsidiaries, successors, assigns, officers, directors, agents, or employees, from participating in any bona fide distributorship or brokerage dealings

or transactions not illegal under any of the antitrust laws of the United States.

IX

For the purpose of securing compliance with this Amended Final Judgment duly authorized representatives of the Department of Justice shall, on written request of the Attorney General or the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, and on reasonable notice to the defendant Morton Salt Company or defendant Diamond Crystal Salt Company made to its principal office, be permitted, subject to any legally recognized privilege and with the right of said defendant to have counsel present:

(A) Reasonable access during the office hours of said defendant, to all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda and other records and documents in the possession or under the control of said defendant, relating to any of the matters contained in this Amended Final Judgment; and

(B) Subject to the reasonable convenience of said defendant, and without restraint or interference, to interview officers and employees of said defendant, who may have counsel present, regarding such matters.

Upon such written request of the Attorney General, or the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, the said defendants shall submit such written reports with respect to any of the matters contained in this Amended Final Judgment as from time to time may be necessary for the purpose of enforcement of this Amended Final Judgment.

X

No information obtained by the means permitted in this Section shall be divulged by any representative of the Department of Justice to any person other than a duly authorized representative of the Executive Branch of the plaintiff except in the course of legal

proceedings for the purpose of securing compliance with this Amended Final Judgment in which the United States is a party or as otherwise required by law.

XI

Jurisdiction is retained for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to this Amended Final Judgment to apply to this Court at any time for such further orders and directions as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or carrying out of this Amended Final Judgment, for the modification or termination of any of the provisions thereof, for the enforcement of compliance therewith, and punishment of violations thereof.

XII

The defendants Morton Salt Company and Diamond Crystal Salt Company are hereby ordered to pay all costs to be taxed in this case.

Exceptions to this judgment are reserved.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1965.

BY THE COURT:

 /s/ GUNNAR H. NORDBYE
Judge

A P P E N D I X

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, a principal officer of _____
(name of defendant), being first duly sworn, certifies to his best
knowledge and belief that:

(1) Listed herein under Paragraph (2) hereof are all of the
bids for the sale of rock salt submitted by _____
(name of defendant) to any governmental body during _____
(month and year) and that none of the bids listed were prepared by
_____ (name of defendant) in collusion with any
other seller of rock salt.

(2) List of bids, the name of recipient, and the date submitted
during _____ (month and year):

(3) The prices, terms or conditions of said bids were not sub-
mitted or made known by _____ (name of defendant) or
by any employee or agent of _____ (name of defendant)
to any other seller of rock salt prior to the official opening of said
bids in violation of the Final Judgment in Court Action No. 4-61 Civil
162 entered by the United States District Court for the District of
Minnesota, as amended on February 19, 1965.

(Name of defendant)

By _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____,
196__.

Notary Public
(State and County)