UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff,
v.
UNITED FOAM CORPORATION, and
STAUFFER CHEMICAL COMPANY,
Defendants.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Civil Action No. 72-1490-CC

<u>Filed</u>: April 30, 1973

Entered: May 30, 1973

FINAL JUDGMENT

Plaintiff, United States of America, having filed its complaint herein on June 29, 1972, and defendant United Foam Corporation having filed its answer thereto; and defendant United Foam Corporation having consented to this Final Judgment without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein and without any admission by plaintiff or said defendant in respect to any issue:

NOW THEREFORE before any testimony has been taken and without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law and upon consent of the parties, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

I.

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and the parties consenting to this Final Judgment. The

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complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against the defendant under Section 7 of the Act of Congress of October 15, 1914, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 18) commonly known as the Clayton Act.

II.

As used in this Final Judgment:

- "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation, or any other business or legal entity;
- "Subsidiary" shall mean a company which a person controls or has the power to control or any company more than 50 percent of whose voting securities is owned or controlled by any person directly or indirectly;
 - "United" shall mean defendant United Foam Corporation; (C)
- "Flexible urethane foam" shall mean a prime synthetic (D) material used for, among other things, automotive padding, furniture cushions, carpet underlays, packaging and similar purposes.

III.

The provisions of this Final Judgment applicable to the defendant shall also apply to its officers, directors, subsidiaries, successors, and assigns and to any person in active concert or participation with any of them who receives actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise. Any person not a party to this Final Judgment who acquires any securities or assets by means of a divestiture made pursuant to this Final Judgment shall not be considered to be a successor or assign of the defendant.

IV.

Within twenty-four (24) months from the date of this Final Judgment, defendant United shall, subject to the terms and conditions of this Final Judgment, divest all of its interest in the assets of its Compton, California facilities consisting of the real property and the physical plant and equipment used for the manufacture and processing of flexible urethane foam, which

equipment to be divested is listed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this reference.

- (B) The divestiture ordered by this Final Judgment shall be made in good faith and shall be absolute and unqualified;
- (C) Divestiture under this Final Judgment shall be to a person or persons first approved by the plaintiff, or failing such approval with the approval of the Court, upon a proper showing and upon notice to the plaintiff.
- (D) At least 60 days in advance of the closing date specified in any contract of sale pursuant to this Final Judgment, defendant shall supply plaintiff with the name of the proposed purchaser, with all pertinent information and material respecting the proposed sale, together with any additional information plaintiff may request;
- (E) Following the entry of this Final Judgment, United shall submit written reports every six months to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division describing the efforts made by it to divest the business required to be divested pursuant to subsection (A) of this Section IV;
- (F) United shall make known the availability for sale of the business to be divested by the ordinary and usual means for a sale of such a business and shall furnish to all bona fide prospective purchasers on an equal and nondiscriminatory basis all information regarding the business to be divested which is reasonably necessary for the above purpose;
- (G) Any contract of sale pursuant to this Final Judgment shall require the purchaser to file with this Court its representation that it intends to continue the business of the Compton, California facility for manufacturing and processing flexible urethane foam and agree to submit to the jurisdiction of this Court and to be bound by the appropriate terms of this Final Judgment;

- (E) If United receives as a part of such divestiture any securities from a person to whom divestiture is made, such securities (other than securities originally issued by United) (1) shall not be voted by United and (2) shall be disposed of not later than two years after such securities are received;
- (I) If the divestiture requirements of subsection (A) of this Section IV have not been met within twenty-four (24) months from the date of entry of this Final Judgment, United shall place in the control of a Trustee all of United's interest in the property to be divested, for the sole purpose of enabling the Trustee to effectuate a sale of United's said undivested interest. The Trustee shall be appointed by the Court upon application of the plaintiff, and shall perform at the cost and expense of the defendant.
 - (1) Said Trustee shall, within one year after his appointment by the Court, dispose of United's interests, subject to any limitations of Section IV herein. Said disposal shall be made only after the Trustee has obtained the approval of the plaintiff.
 - (2) Upon obtaining the approval of the plaintiff pursuant to paragraph IV (I) (1) above, and as soon as possible, but not less than thirty days in advance of said proposed disposition, the Trustee shall notify the defendant of the terms and conditions of the proposed disposition, and United shall have twenty (20) days thereafter to file with this Court any objections it may have to the proposed divestiture and the Court shall hear all parties with respect thereto.
 - (3) Until the divestiture required by this Final

 Judgment is accomplished, United shall be in full

 control of the operations and management of said

business. During the period of time in which
the Trustee shall be attempting to effectuate
a sale of United's said undivested interest, United
shall take no action to impair either the
viability of the business to be divested or United's
ability to accomplish said divestiture, and United
shall use its best efforts in operating and
promoting the business to be divested. In the
event that United fails to so manage the business,
the Trustee shall have full authority to manage
said business, subject to the approval and
supervision of the Court.

(J) Until the divestiture required by this Final Judgment is accomplished, United shall take no action to impair the viability of the business to be divested or United's ability to accomplish such divestiture, and United shall use its best efforts in operating and promoting the business to be divested.

V.

Defendant United is enjoined and restrained for a period of ten (10) years from acquiring any assets, shares, or stock, or other interest in the business of any person engaged in the manufacture and/or processing of flexible urethane foam unless 60 days' notice of its intention to make said acquisition is first given to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division. In the event plaintiff shall object to any acquisition as described above, United may not make such acquisition without first applying to this Court for permission to make such acquisition which may be granted upon a showing to the satisfaction of this Court that the acquisition will not substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in any line of commerce in any section of the Country.

(A) For the purpose of determining or securing compliance with this Final Judgment and for no other purpose, defendant United shall permit duly authorized representatives of the Department of Justice on written request of the Attorney General or the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division and on reasonable notice to such defendant's principal office subject to any legally recognized privilege:

- (1) Access during the office hours of such defendant who may have counsel present to those ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda, and other records and documents in the possession or under the control of such defendant which relate to any matters contained in this Final Judgment;
- (2) Subject to the reasonable convenience of such defendant and without restraint or interference to interview officers or employees of such defendant who may have counsel present regarding such matters.
- (B) Upon such written request of the Attorney General or the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division such defendant shall submit such reports in writing with respect to any matters contained in this Final Judgment as may from time to time be requested; and
- (C) No information obtained by the means provided in this Section VI of this Final Judgment 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 to which the United States is a party for the purpose of securing compliance with this Final Judgment or as otherwise required by law.

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Jurisdiction is retained by this Court for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to this 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 modification of any of the applicable provisions thereof for the enforcement of compliance therewith and for the punishment of violations thereof.

VIII.

This Final Judgment shall remain in full force and effect for ten (10) years and no longer from the date of entry hereof except as to any provision herein for which a shorter term is specified therein.

Dated: May 30, 1973

/s/ CHARLES H. CARR
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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EXHIBIT A

The following is a list of the present equipment installed in the Compton, California facility, located at 19201 South Reyes Avenue, used for the manufacture and processing of flexible urethane foam, which is to be divested by United Foam Corporation:

- 1. One (1) urethane foam machine and production line;
- 2. Twelve (12) storage tanks for raw materials;
- 3. One (1) conveyor system, including one (1) traveling cut-off saw, and one (1) stationary saw;
- 4. Four (4) scales;
- 5. Three (3) slitters with conveyor attachments;
- 6. Two (2) table slitters;
- 7. One (1) air compressor;
- 8. Two (2) buffers;
- 9. Seven (7) vertical band saws;
- 10. Two (2) tying machines;
- 11. Two (2) clicker machines (die-cut machines, with conveyor attachment);
- 12. One (1) foam shredder;
- 13. One (1) horizontal roll slitter;
- 14. One (1) hole punch machine;
- 15. One (1) tilt vertical band saw;
- 16. One (1) fully-equipped maintenance shop;
- 17. Miscellaneous: Storage racks, carts, work tables, vacuum machine, laboratory equipment.