UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

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Civil Action No. 66-289

R. HOE & CO., INC., Defendant.

DECLARATION OF LAWRENCE REICHER

- I, Lawrence A. Reicher, do hereby declare and state as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in New York and in the Southern District of New York. Since February 2019, I have served as a Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.
- 2. This Declaration is being submitted in support of the United States of America's Motion to Terminate A Legacy Antitrust Judgment in the above-captioned matter.
- 3. The statements made in this Declaration are based on the knowledge acquired by me in the performance of my official duties and in conjunction with factual research conducted by other attorneys and staff in the Antitrust Division.
- 4. In early 2018, the Department of Justice Antitrust Division implemented a program to review and, when appropriate, seek termination of older antitrust judgments in which parties were subjected to some type of affirmative obligation or express prohibition that did not have an expiration date. As part of this process, the Division researched the corporate status of entities subject to these older, legacy antitrust judgments.

- 5. For the judgment in this case, I instructed the librarians of the Antitrust Division to research and confirm the corporate status of the sole defendant, R. Hoe & Co., Inc. Based on the information provided to me by the librarians, I believe that the defendant is no longer in business and does not have a successor entity still engaged in the manufacture of printing press equipment. This belief is based upon the following research by the librarians, which I have reviewed:
 - a. A search of the New York Department of State Division of Corporations database. If the final judgment (as submitted to this Court) or other web search (see below) suggested incorporation information for a defendant in another state, the librarians also checked that state for corporate status.
 - A search of the Encyclopedia of Associations and IRS Tax Exempt
 Organization Search, where such organizations or associations were subject to a judgment.
 - c. A search of web-based resources for the existence (or succession) of the
 entity. In addition to general web-based searches, the search included
 research in one or more of the following resources:
 - i. Lexis and/or Westlaw (news, company, and/or litigation search);
 - ii. historical newspapers from Newsbank, ProQuest, and/or Newspapers.com; and
 - iii. historical company directories held by the Antitrust Division Library.
- 6. After their research, the librarians at the Antitrust Division conveyed to me and other attorneys working on this project that they believe that R. Hoe & Co. is no longer in business. The company's printing press business was closed and the assets sold when the

company was declared bankrupt in 1972 with printing press assets sold pursuant to order by Judge Sylvester J. Ryan of the Southern District of New York. The New York Department of State Division of Corporations lists the company as "inactive – dissolution by proclamation/annulment of authority" as of June 23, 1999.

Having reviewed this Declaration, I declare, under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 3, 2020 Washington, D.C.

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