UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff.

V.

AMERICAN LITHOGRAPHIC COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

1:20-mc-00111

(Originally In Equity No. 21-80)

DECLARATION OF BARRY L. CREECH

- I, Barry L. Creech, do hereby declare and state as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. I have been a trail attorney with the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice since 1990.
- 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 ("the Department") 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, the librarians of the Antitrust Division were instructed to research and confirm the corporate status of the defendant entities. Based on the

information provided to me by the librarians, I believe that four of the five corporate defendants are no longer in business and do not have any successor entities. 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 found no records suggesting four of the five corporate defendants are still in business. Four defendants—American Lithographic, Heywood, Strasser & Voight Lithograph, Pasbach-Voice Lithographic, and William Steiner, Sons & Co.—either merged with, or were acquired by, Consolidated Lithographing between 1921 and 1930. Consolidated Lithographing was dissolved in 1994 according to New York incorporation

records. The final defendant, Moehle Lithographic Company, was purchased by American Colortype in 1930, which later combined with Rapid Electrotype to become Rapid American Corporation in 1958. The Antirust Division contacted Rapid American to advise them of this motion. Rapid American no longer manufacturers cigar-related paper products (*e.g.*, labels, bands), is currently in in bankruptcy proceedings, and through its bankruptcy counsel had no objection to this motion.

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

Dated: February 24, 2020 Washington, D.C.

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Antitrust Division