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2 3 SEP - 8 2005 4 By: P. WOODS, Deputy 5 6 7 8 9 10 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA 11 **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO** 12 GIC 13 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, No. 14 Plaintiff, FINAL JUDGMENT 15 **PURSUANT TO** v. STIPULATION 16 AMERICAN ROTARY BROOM COMPANY, INC., (formerly known as San Diego Rotary Broom 17 Company, Inc.), 18 Defendant. 19 20 WHEREAS, the State of California (hereinafter, Plaintiff), through its attorney, BILL 21 LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California, by Winston H. Chen and Emilio E. 22 Varanini, Deputy Attorneys General, and Defendant American Rotary Broom Company, Inc. have 23 stipulated to the entry of this Final Judgment without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law, 24 and without this Final Judgment constituting any evidence against, or any admission by, any party 25 regarding any such issue of fact or law; 26 AND WHEREAS, Plaintiff requires American Rotary Broom Company, Inc., to agree to 27 certain procedures and prohibitions for the purpose of restoring the loss of competition alleged in 28 FINAL JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO STIPULATION

the Complaint;

AND WHEREAS, American Rotary Broom Company, Inc., agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Final Judgment;

NOW THEREFORE, before any testimony is taken, without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law, and upon consent of the parties, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

I. JURISDICTION

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of and each of the parties to this action. The Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against American Rotary Broom Company, Inc. under the Cartwright Act (Bus. & Prof. Code § 16720 et seq.), the Unfair Competition Law (Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq.), and the False Claims Act (Gov't Code § 12650 et. seq.).

II. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

As used in this Final Judgment:

- (A) "American Rotary" means Defendant American Rotary Broom Company, Inc., formerly known as San Diego Rotary Broom Company, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with its headquarters in Escondido, California, its directors, officers, managers, agents and employees, its successors and assigns, and its subsidiaries, divisions, groups, affiliates, partnerships, and joint ventures, including their directors, officers, managers, agents and employees.
 - (B) "Plaintiff" means the State of California.
- (C) "Bid-rigging" means any agreement, combination or conspiracy between actual or potential competitors pursuant to which contract offers or terms to a third party, including bids, quotations or purchase orders are to be set, fixed, submitted or withheld.
 - (D) The terms "and" and "or" have both conjunctive and disjunctive meanings.

III. APPLICABILITY

(A) This Final Judgment applies to American Rotary, as defined above, and all other

persons in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise.

(B) Defendant shall require, as a condition of the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of their assets or of lesser business units, that the purchaser agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Final Judgment.

IV. PROHIBITED AND REQUIRED CONDUCT

- (A) American Rotary is enjoined and restrained from, in any manner, directly or indirectly, entering into, continuing, soliciting, maintaining, engaging, or renewing any market or customer allocation agreement or scheme with any competitor in the market for street sweeping supplies, parts and services.
- (B) American Rotary shall not engage in actual or attempted bid-rigging activities, including the submission and/or solicitation of shadow bids.
- (C) For a period of five (5)years commencing upon entry of the Final Judgment, American Rotary shall provide thirty (30) days advance written notice in accordance with Section VII, below, of any merger, sale or joint venture involving American Rotary with any other company involved in street sweeping supplies, parts and services.
- (D) Within fifteen (15) days of the filing of the Complaint, American Rotary shall send a notice, with language approved by the Plaintiff, to United Rotary Brush Corporation of California, Inc. (formerly known as Nationwide Wire and Brush Mfg., Inc.), located in Galt, California, and Acme Rotary Broom Service, located in Fresno, California, that states:
- American Rotary will not enter into any agreements or participate in any schemes that violate the state and federal antitrust laws and;
- 2. American Rotary will not act as an exclusive distributor for any of the aforementioned companies.
- (E) Copies of the notices described in paragraph IV (D) shall be sent to Plaintiff at the same time they are mailed to Acme Rotary Broom Service and United Rotary Brush Corporation of California, Inc.
 - (F) After the notices in paragraph IV(D) are sent out by American Rotary,

American Rotary will be free to choose where and with whom it wishes to do business as long as any said decisions are made unilaterally and not as part of any agreement, combination, or conspiracy involving any of its competitors and subject to paragraphs IV(A) through IV(D).

(G) American Rotary shall provide documents and testimony at the request of the Plaintiff, as if he were a party, in any action initiated by the Plaintiff involving violations of any court orders, or of antitrust, unfair competition, and/or false claims laws, involving the companies listed in paragraph IV (D). However, American Rotary retains its Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination to the extent provided by law.

V. RELEASE

(A) The Plaintiff releases all state civil antitrust, unfair competition, and false claims act claims, as well as all federal civil antitrust claims, of the State of California against American Rotary relating to or arising out of the facts that are set forth in the Complaint filed in this matter.

VI. OTHER RELIEF

- (A) American Rotary shall pay the sum of \$22,500.00 in civil penalties for the alleged violations of California Business & Professions Code section 17200 et seq. Said payment shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days of entry of judgement by providing the California Attorney General's Office with a check made payable to the State of California in the amount of \$22,500.00.
- (B) The California Attorney General is awarded reasonable fees and investigative costs in the amount of \$22,500.00. American Rotary shall pay the sum of \$22,500.00 within thirty (30) calendar days of entry of judgment by a check made payable to the California Attorney General.

VII. NOTICE

For purposes of this Final Judgment, any notice or other communication shall be given to the persons at the addresses set forth below (or such other addresses Parties may specify in writing by providing notice at the addresses listed below):

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1	For the California Attorney G Winston H. Chen	eneral:
2	Deputy Attorney General	
3	Antitrust Law Section Office of the California Attor	ney General
4	300 South Spring Street, Suit Los Angeles, California 9001	
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6	For American Rotary: Gregory A. Vega, Esq.	
7	Seltzer, Caplan, McMahon & 2100 Symphony Towers	Vitek
8	750 B Street San Diego, CA 92101	
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10	VIII. <u>RETENTI</u>	ON OF JURISDICTION
11	This Court retains jurisdiction	to enable any party to this Final Judgment to apply to
12	out or construe this Final Judgment, to modify any of its provisions, to enforce compliance, and to punish violations of its provisions.	
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