

IN THE MATTER OF
BRITISH OXYGEN COMPANY LIMITED, ET AL.
ORDER, OPINION, ETC., IN REGARD TO ALLEGED VIOLATION OF
THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT AND SEC. 7 OF THE
CLAYTON ACT

Docket 8955. Complaint, Feb. 26, 1974—Final Order, Dec. 8, 1975

Order requiring a London, England, manufacturer of industrial gases, among other things to divest itself of all the stocks and assets of Airco, Inc., a Montvale, N.J., producer of industrial gases and medical products, within one (1) year of the issuance of the order. Respondent is further prohibited from acquiring any corporate stocks or assets in any field related to production of industrial gases or medical products for a period of 10 years without prior F.T.C. approval. British Oxygen and Airco, Inc. must also cease any representation on each other's respective boards of directors.

COMPLAINT

The Federal Trade Commission, having reason to believe that British Oxygen Company Ltd. (hereinafter "BOC"), BOC Financial Corporation (hereinafter "BOC Financial"), BOC Holdings Ltd. (hereinafter "BOC Holdings"), and British Oxygen Investments Ltd. (hereinafter "BO Investments"), respondents herein, have violated the provisions of Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. §18), and that the above named respondents and Airco, Inc. (hereinafter "Airco"), respondent herein, have further violated the provisions of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. §45), through the

least thirty (30) days prior to any proposed change in the corporate respondent such as dissolution, assignment or sale, resulting in the emergence of a successor corporation, the creation or dissolution of subsidiaries or any other changes in the corporation which may affect compliance obligations arising out of this order.

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It is further ordered, That the compliance report heretofore filed by respondent shall be considered by the Commission as if it had been filed under this order.

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It is further ordered, That this order shall become effective upon service.
