

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION BETWEEN: 12-8-97 AND 12-19-97—Continued

| Name of acquiring person, name of acquired person, name of acquired entity | PMN No. | Date terminated |
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| Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, American Equity Investment Life Holdings Company, American Equity Investment Life Holdings Company | 98-0906 | 12/19/97 |
| Sonat Inc., Selim K. Zilkha, Zilkha Energy Company | 98-0909 | 12/19/97 |
| Selim K. Zilkha, Sonat Inc., Sonat Inc | 98-0910 | 12/19/97 |
| J.W. Childs Equity Partners, LP, Universal Hospital Services, Inc., Universal Hospital Services, Inc | 98-0911 | 12/19/97 |
| Enova Corporation, Peter M. Way, WEHCO, Inc | 98-0913 | 12/19/97 |
| Pacific Enterprises, Peter M. Way, WEHCO, Inc | 98-0914 | 12/19/97 |
| AB Volvo (a Swedish company), AB Volvo, Volvo Penta Marine Products LP | 98-0916 | 12/19/97 |
| PNC Bank Corp., Friedman Billings Ramsey Group, Inc., Friedman Billings Ramsey Group, Inc | 98-0917 | 12/19/97 |
| Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada, Continental Western Life Insurance Company | 98-0919 | 12/19/97 |
| Lowell W. Paxson, ValueVision International, Inc., VVI Seattle, Inc.; VVILPTV, Inc.; VVI Spokane, Inc | 98-0933 | 12/19/97 |
| Michael Zilkha, Sonat Inc., Sonat Inc | 98-0943 | 12/19/97 |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra M. Peay or Parcellena P. Fielding, Contact Representatives, Federal Trade Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Bureau of Competition, Room 303, Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3100.

By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of The Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section

7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

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| LucasVarity plc, Varga Participacoes Ltda., Freios Varga, S.A | 98-0687 | 12/22/97 |
| John T. Kim Trust of December 31, 1987, Amkor Technology, Inc., Amkor Technology, Inc | 98-0720 | 12/22/97 |
| David D. Kim Trust of December 31, 1987, Amkor Technology, Inc., Amkor Technology, Inc | 98-0721 | 12/22/97 |
| Susan Y. Kim Trust of December 31, 1987, Amkor Technology, Inc., Amkor Technology, Inc | 98-0722 | 12/22/97 |
| US Airways Group, Inc., Citicorp, Shuttle, Inc. (d/b/a USAir Shuttle, Inc. or US Airways) | 98-0757 | 12/22/97 |
| Republic Industries, Inc., John H. Dobbs, Jr., Springhill Toyota, Inc., et. al | 98-0758 | 12/22/97 |
| Republic Industries, Inc., James K. Dobbs, III, Hoover Toyota, Inc., et. al | 98-0759 | 12/22/97 |
| Republic Industries, Inc., Dobbs Brothers Buick-Pontiac, Inc., Dobbs Brothers Buick-Pontiac, Inc | 98-0760 | 12/22/97 |
| United HealthCare Corporation, Medicode (Delaware), Inc., Medicode, Inc | 98-0788 | 12/22/97 |
| Dasault Systemes SA, Deneb Robotics, Inc., Deneb Robotics, Inc | 98-0799 | 12/22/97 |
| Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc., Resource Bancshares Corporation, Resource Bancshares Corporation | 98-0813 | 12/22/97 |
| Freedom Communications, Inc., Scholastic Corporation, Scholastic Inc | 98-0877 | 12/22/97 |
| William J. Curtis, Scholastic Corporation, Scholastic Inc | 98-0878 | 12/22/97 |
| Green Equity Investors II, LP, Hollinger, Inc. (a Canadian company), Hollinger International Inc | 98-0880 | 12/22/97 |
| Citizen Utilities Company, The Voting Trust D&E Communications, Inc., D&E Communications, Inc | 98-0891 | 12/22/97 |
| Ford Motor Company, Aldersgate Capital Limited (an English company), AT&T Automotive Services, Inc | 98-0895 | 12/22/97 |
| Citation Corporation, Dycast, Inc., Dycast, Inc | 98-0896 | 12/22/97 |
| RLC Industries Co., RLC Industries Co., R-H Timber Co., LLC | 98-0935 | 12/22/97 |
| John C. Hampton, RLC Industries Co., R-H Timber Co., LLC | 98-0936 | 12/22/97 |
| Foamex International Inc., Hicks, Muse, Tate and Furst Equity Fund II, L.P., Crain Holdings Corp | 98-0605 | 12/23/97 |
| TRW Inc., BDM International Inc., BDM International Inc | 98-0710 | 12/23/97 |
| The AES Corporation, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company | 98-0804 | 12/23/97 |
| NGC Corporation, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company | 98-0809 | 12/23/97 |
| Northern States Power Company, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company | 98-0810 | 12/23/97 |
| Huston Industries, Incorporated, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company | 98-0811 | 12/23/97 |
| University of Pittsburgh Medical Center System, McKeesport Area Health Care Systems, McKeesport Area Health Care Systems | 98-0892 | 12/23/97 |
| Nokia Corporation, Ipsilon Networks, Inc., Ipsilon Networks, Inc | 98-0952 | 12/23/97 |
| Worcester City Campus Corporation, Memorial Health Care, Inc., Memorial Health Care, Inc | 98-0726 | 12/24/97 |
| Orbital Sciences Corporation, Ashtech Inc., Ashtech Inc | 98-0819 | 12/24/97 |

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| ACME Television Holdings, LLC, Koplar Communications, Inc., Koplar Communications, Inc | 98-0821 | 12/24/97 |
| Queensway Financial Holdings Limited, Davinder S. Sahni, Paradigm Insurance Company | 98-0833 | 12/24/97 |
| Stichting Administratiekantoor ABN AMRO Holding, Bankers Leasing Association, Inc., Bankers Leasing Association, Inc | 98-0865 | 12/24/97 |
| Fortune Brands, Inc., Michael G. Crisp, Crisp Publications, Inc | 98-0868 | 12/24/97 |
| Heilig-Meyers Company, Reliable Stores, Inc., Reliable Stores, Inc | 98-0881 | 12/24/97 |
| Lennar Corporation, North American Asset Development Corporation, North American Asset Development Corporation | 98-0887 | 12/24/97 |
| Ronald O. Perelman, Thomas Dan Friedkin and Debra L. Friedkin, Gulf States Acceptance Company, LP | 98-0888 | 12/24/97 |
| Bahrain International Bank, Thompson Paper Box Co., Inc., Thompson Paper Box Co., Inc | 98-0893 | 12/24/97 |
| Investec Holdings Limited, Ernst & Company, Ernst & Company | 98-0894 | 12/24/97 |
| Illinois Tool Works, Inc., Reddi-Pac, Inc., Reddi-Pac, Inc | 98-0897 | 12/24/97 |
| United States Filter Corporation, Estate of Ronald E. Janke, Castalloy Corporation and Unified Investments, LLP | 98-0920 | 12/24/97 |
| Genesis Direct, L.P., Lawrence A. Joseph, Select Service & Supply Co., Inc | 98-0929 | 12/24/97 |
| Mr. Roger J. Sippl, Borland International, Inc., Borland International, Inc | 98-0931 | 12/24/97 |
| CUC International Inc., Apollo Investment Fund III, L.P., NRT Incorporated | 98-0938 | 12/24/97 |
| Praxair, Inc., Richard K. Dillard, Whitmore Oxygen Company & Whitmore Chemical Company | 98-0939 | 12/24/97 |
| Thermo Electron Corporation, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company | 98-0940 | 12/24/97 |
| Ashland Inc., Frederick M. Franklin, L.F. Franklin and Sons, Inc.; Valley Asphalt Products | 98-0953 | 12/24/97 |
| CHS Electronics, Inc., Gilbert Dreyfus and Julia Dreyfus, Micro Informatica Corporation | 98-0954 | 12/24/97 |
| Precision Castparts Corp., Schlosser Forge Company, Schlosser Casting Company | 98-0955 | 12/24/97 |
| Country Mutual Insurance Company, Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company, Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company | 98-0960 | 12/24/97 |
| Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., William Blair Capital Partners V, LP, CARA Holdings, Inc | 98-0961 | 12/24/97 |
| DLJ Merchant Banking Partners II, L.P., Mark D. Bawden, The Bawden Corporation | 98-0962 | 12/24/97 |
| N.V. Koninklijke Nederlandsche Petroleum Maatschappij, Newco-Joint Venture, Newco-Joint Venture | 98-0964 | 12/24/97 |
| DLJ Merchant Banking Partners II, L.P., Joyce Bawden, The Rawden Corporation | 98-0965 | 12/24/97 |
| Emerson Electronic Co., Lee A. Henningsen, Firetrol, Inc | 98-0967 | 12/24/97 |
| Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, Bayerische Hypotheken-und Wechsel-Bank AG, Bayerische Hypotheken-und Wechsel-Bank AG | 98-0969 | 12/24/97 |
| Snyder Communication, Inc., R.A.B. Advertising, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Blau Marketing Technologies, Inc | 98-0970 | 12/24/97 |
| Melco, Inc., Michael A. Frost, TechWorks, Inc | 98-0971 | 12/24/97 |
| PRI Automation, Inc., Equipe Technologies, Inc., Equipe Technologies, Inc | 98-0972 | 12/24/97 |
| Retlaw Enterprises, Inc., John D. Pezold, Augusta Family Broadcasting Inc.; Columbus Family | 98-0974 | 12/24/97 |
| Warren A. Hood, Jr., Simpro Holding Corporation, Ltd., Simpro Films Corporation | 98-0977 | 12/24/97 |
| AlliedSignal Inc., Jeffrey J. Steiner, The Fairchild Corporation | 98-0979 | 12/24/97 |
| Kingsway Financial Services, Inc., UCC Corporation, UCC Corporation | 98-0980 | 12/24/97 |
| Frederick W. Smith, FDX Corporation, FDX Corporation | 98-0981 | 12/24/97 |
| Ladbroke Group PLC, Colorado Gaming & Entertainment Co., Colorado Gaming & Entertainment Co | 98-0982 | 12/24/97 |
| Colony Investors II, L.P., Virgin Entertainment Group Limited, Virgin Entertainment Group Limited | 98-0991 | 12/24/97 |
| PPG Industries, Inc., Chrysler Corporation, Chrysler Corporation | 98-0992 | 12/24/97 |
| GP Batteries International Limited, The Gillette Company, Duracell, Inc | 98-0994 | 12/24/97 |
| United States Surgical Corporation, Pfizer Inc., Valleylab, Inc.; Vesta Medical, Inc | 98-0995 | 12/24/97 |
| MBW Investors LLC, The Procter & Gamble Company, Procter & Gamble Company (Duncan Hines Business) | 98-0999 | 12/24/97 |
| Andrew A. Wiederhorn, R.J. Brandes, Belgravia Financial Services, LLC | 98-1004 | 12/24/97 |
| John H. Sykes, Michael M. Gray, McQueen International Limited (a Scottish corporation) | 98-1005 | 12/24/97 |
| Michael M. Gray (a Scottish national), John H. Sykes, Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated | 98-1006 | 12/24/97 |
| Madison Dearborn Capital Partners II, LP, National Wholesale Liquidators of 34th Street, Inc., National Wholesale Liquidators of 34th Street, Inc | 98-1010 | 12/24/97 |
| Applied Graphics Technologies, Inc., Flying Color Graphics, Inc., Flying Color Graphics, Inc | 98-1011 | 12/24/97 |
| Philips Electronics N.V., Credit Lyonnais S.A. (a French corporation), Alpha Library Company, Inc.; Beta Library Co., Inc | 98-1014 | 12/24/97 |
| Northern States Power Company, Mid-Continent Power Company, Inc. (debtor-in-possession), Mid-Continent Power Company, Inc. (debtor-in-possession) | 98-1020 | 12/24/97 |
| Liz Claiborne, Inc., Donna Karan International Inc., Donna Karan Studio; The Donna Karan Company | 98-1021 | 12/24/97 |
| ACC Corp., US WATS, Inc., US WATS, Inc | 98-0731 | 12/26/97 |
| General Electric Company, Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc., Stewart & Stevenson Limited Partnership | 98-0148 | 12/29/97 |
| Donald L. Sturm, SpectraNet International, SpectraNet International | 98-0997 | 12/29/97 |
| Enron Corp., SpectraNet International, SpectraNet International | 98-1001 | 12/29/97 |
| ITT Industries, Inc., Charles H. Kaman, Kaman Sciences Corporation | 98-0672 | 12/30/97 |
| General Electric Company, Industrial Risk Insurers, Industrial Risk Insurers | 98-1026 | 12/30/97 |
| Destriz Gestao e Servicos Sociedade Unipessoal, Mr. Michael Christopherson, GP Companies, Inc | 98-0822 | 12/31/97 |
| Allen E. Paulson, Mr. John C. Waterfall, Elsinore Corporation | 98-0835 | 12/31/97 |
| American International Group, Inc., Newco-Joint Venture, Newco-Joint Venture | 98-0951 | 12/31/97 |
| Jeffrey J. Steiner, AlliedSignal Inc., AlliedSignal Inc | 98-0973 | 12/31/97 |
| Becton, Dickinson and Company, MedPlus, Inc., MedPlus, Inc | 98-1015 | 12/31/97 |
| Enron Corp., Catalytica, Inc., Catalytica Combustion Systems, Inc | 98-1019 | 12/31/97 |
| StorMedia Incorporated, Kubota Corporation (a Japanese corporation), Akashic Memories Corporation | 98-1027 | 12/31/97 |
| Freudenberg & Co. (a German Corporation), Arthur P. Frigo, M. B. Walton, Inc | 98-1028 | 12/31/97 |

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| UNYS, Inc., Upstate Holding Company, Inc., Upstate Holding Company, Inc | 98-1031 | 12/31/97 |
| Central Grocers Cooperative, Inc., Strack and Van Til Super Market, Inc., Strack and Van Til Super Market, Inc | 98-1034 | 12/31/97 |
| Sanford N. Pensler, Gordon S. Lang, CCL Custom Manufacturing Corp | 98-1035 | 12/31/97 |
| WinStar Communications, Inc., Telesoft Corp., Telesoft Acquisition Corp. II | 98-1036 | 12/31/97 |
| The General Electric Company, p.l.c., Marsh Company, Marsh Company | 98-1037 | 12/31/97 |
| General Electric Company, R.G. Darby, R.G. Darby Company, Inc. and Total Trim, Inc | 98-1039 | 12/31/97 |
| Aurora Equity Partners LP, Sal Cannizzaro, Innovative Lithographers, Inc | 98-1041 | 12/31/97 |
| Patriot American Hospitality Operating Company, CHC International, Inc., CHC International, Inc | 98-1043 | 12/31/97 |
| Ekco Group, Inc., FCP Southeast Investors IV, LP, APP Holding Corporation | 98-1051 | 12/31/97 |
| Mail-Well, Inc., James E. Sowell, Poser Business Forms, Inc | 98-1053 | 12/31/97 |
| Linsalata Capital Partners Fund II, LP, Craig Manchen, Highland Group Industries, LP | 98-1056 | 12/31/97 |

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 942-3278]

Howard S. Berg; Analysis to Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed Consent Agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Steven Baker or Russell W. Damtoft, Federal Trade Commission, Chicago Regional Office, 55 East Monroe St., Suite 1860, Chicago, IL. 60603. (312) 353-8156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C.

46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for January 13, 1998), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions/htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted an agreement, subject to final approval, to a proposed consent order from respondent Howard S. Berg.

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty (60) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement and take other appropriate action or make final the agreement's proposed order.

This matter concerns an efficacy claim made regarding Howard Berg's

Mega Reading promoted by respondent. The Commission's complaint charges that respondent, in concert with Tru-Vantage International, L.L.C. and Kevin Trudeau, made a false and unsubstantiated claim that Howard Berg's Mega Reading is successful in teaching anyone, including adults, children and disabled individuals, to significantly increase their reading speed while substantially comprehending and retaining the material.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to remedy the violations charged and to prevent this respondent from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future. The proposed order extends to any product or program purported to significantly increase one's reading speed.

Part I of the proposed consent order prohibits the respondent from representing that Howard Berg's Mega Reading, or any substantially similar product, is successful in teaching anyone, including adults, children and disabled individuals, to increase their reading speed above 800 words per minute while substantially comprehending and retaining the material. Part II of the proposed order prohibits the respondent from representing the performance, benefits, or efficacy of any product or program purported to significantly increase one's reading speed, unless the representation is substantiated.

The remaining parts of the proposed consent order require the respondent to maintain promotional and substantiation materials related to the claims covered by the order, to notify the Commission of any changes in his employment, and to file one or more compliance reports.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed consent order. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and