its jurisdictional findings and entered an order to divest, as set forth in the proposed consent agreement, in disposition of this proceeding.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46. Interpret or apply sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; sec. 7, 38 Stat 731, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45, 18)

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The Scotts Co.; Proposed Consent Agreement With Analysis to Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission. **ACTION:** Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair acts and practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent agreement, accepted subject to final Commission approval, would require, among other things, Scotts, an Ohiobased corporation, to divest its Peters Consumer Water Soluble Fertilizer Business and related assets to Alljack & Company or another Commissionapproved buyer by no later than December 31, 1995. If the divestiture is not completed on time, the consent agreement would permit the Commission to appoint a trustee to complete the transaction. In addition, the consent agreement would require the respondent to obtain Commission approval, for a period of ten years, before acquiring any consumer water soluble fertilizer business in the United

DATES: Comments must be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after Federal Register publication date].

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Morse or Robert Cook, FTC/S–3627, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326–2949 or 326–2771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and § 2.34 of the Commission's rules of practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the following 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. 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 § 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's rules of practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Agreement Containing Consent Order

In the matter of The Scotts Company, a corporation.

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") having initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition by the Scotts Company ("Scotts") of Stern's Miracle-Gro Products, Inc. ("Miracle-Gro"), and it now appearing that Scotts, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "proposed respondent," is willing to enter into an agreement containing an order to divest certain assets and to cease and desist from making certain acquisitions, and providing for other relief:

It is hereby agreed by and between proposed respondent, by its duly authorized officers and attorney, and counsel for the Commission that:

1. Proposed respondent Scotts is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Ohio, with its office and principle place of business located at 14111 Scottslawn Road, Marvsville, Ohio 43041.

2. Proposed respondent admits all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft

of complaint.

3. Proposed respondent waives:a. Any further procedural steps;

b. The requirement that the Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law:

c. All rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the order entered pursuant to this agreement; and

d. Any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

This agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this agreement is accepted by the Commission it, together with the draft of complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this agreement and so notify the proposed respondent, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue and serve its complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and decision, in disposition of the proceeding.

5. This agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by proposed respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of complaint, or that the facts as alleged in the draft complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

6. This agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, and if such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of § 2.34 of the Commission's rules, the Commission may, without further notice to the proposed respondent, (1) issue its complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of complaint and its decision containing the following order to divest and to cease and desist in disposition of the proceeding and (2) make information public with respect thereto. When so entered, the order to cease and desist shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The order shall become final upon service. Delivery by the U.S. Postal Service of the complaint and decision containing the agreed-to order to proposed respondent's address as stated in this agreement shall constitute service. Proposed respondent waives any right it may have to any other manner of service. The complaint may be used in construing the terms of the order, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the order or the agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the order.

7. Proposed respondent has read the proposed complaint and order contemplated hereby. Proposed respondent understands that once the order has been issued, it will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that it has fully complied with the order. Proposed respondent further understands that it may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the order after it becomes final.

Order

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It is ordered that, as used in this order, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Respondent" or "Scotts" means the Scotts Company, its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, its subsidiaries, divisions, groups and affiliates controlled by the Scotts Company, and