

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MERRIMACK, SS

SUPERIOR COURT

Docket No. 217-2003-EQ-00106

**In the Matter of the Liquidation of
The Home Insurance Company**

[PROPOSED]

**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
WITH BLACK & DECKER**

On consideration of (a) the motion of Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, Insurance Commissioner of the State of New Hampshire, as Liquidator (“Liquidator”) of The Home Insurance Company, for an order approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (“Settlement Agreement”) between Black & Decker Inc. (“Black & Decker”) as successor to the rights and interests of American Hardware Corp., Plymouth Cordage Co., United Shoe Machinery Corp., Emhart Industries, Inc. and Mite Corporation, and the Liquidator, and (b) the supporting Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, it is hereby found and ORDERED as follows:

1. The Settlement Agreement is reasonable, prudent, and in the best interests of the liquidation of Home;
2. The Liquidator’s Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Black & Decker is granted, and the Settlement Agreement is approved; and
3. The Liquidator’s recommendation concerning the allowance of the proofs of claim filed by Black & Decker is approved and Black & Decker’s claim is allowed as a Class II claim in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44 in the amount of \$8,928,652.

So Ordered.

Dated: _____

Presiding Justice