

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

HAIN FOOD GROUP INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

405219106

(CUSIP NUMBER)

1) Name of Reporting Person: CNA Financial Corporation

SS or IRS Identification 36-6169860

Nos. of Above Persons:

2) Check the Appropriate Box (a)

If A Member of Group

(See Instructions) (b) X

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware

Number of (5) Sole Voting Power 523432

Shares

Beneficially Owned (6) Shared Voting Power 0

by Each Reporting

Person With: (7) Sole Dispositive Power 523432

(8) Shared Dispositive Power:

9) Aggregate Amount Bene- 523432
ficially Owned by Each
Reporting Person

10) Check if the aggregate
Amount in Row (9) Ex-
clude Certain Shares (See
Instructions)

11) Percent of Class Represented
By Amount in Row 9 5.90%

12) Type of Reporting
Person (See Instructions) HC

1) Name of Reporting Person: Loews Corporation
SS or IRS Identification 13-2646102

Nos. of Above Persons:

2) Check the Appropriate Box (a)

If A Member of Group

(See Instructions)

(b) X

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware

Number of (5) Sole Voting Power 0

Shares

Beneficially Owned (6) Shared Voting Power 0

by Each Reporting

Person With: (7) Sole Dispositive Power 0

(8) Shared Dispositive Power: 0

9) Aggregate Amount Bene- 523,432

ficially Owned by Each

Reporting Person

10) Check if the aggregate

Amount in Row (9) Ex-

clude Certain Shares (See

Instructions)

11) Percent of Class Represented

By Amount in Row 9 5.90%

12) Type of Reporting

Person (See Instructions)

HC

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer.

HAIN FOOD GROUP INC.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

Mr. Jack Kaufmann

Chief Financial Officer

HAIN FOOD GROUP INC.

50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd.

Uniondale, New York 11553

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing.

CNA Financial Corporation

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

CNA Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60685

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities. Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number. 405219106

Item 3 The person filing this statement pursuant to Rule 13-1(b) or 13d-2 is:

(g) Parent Holding Company (Relevant subsidiary is Continental Assurance Company, an Illinois domiciled insurance company.)

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 523432

(b) Percent of Class 5.90%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 523432

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct vote 0

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct disposition of 523432

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition 0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Inapplicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Inapplicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired
the Security Being Reported On By the Parent Holding Company.

Continental Assurance Company, an Illinois insurance company (IC).

Inapplicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of the Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transactions having such purposes or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and believe, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 1997

Date

/s/ Donald M. Lowry

Signature

Donald M. Lowry

Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing.

Loews Corporation

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

667 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10021-8087

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities. Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number. 019924109

Item 3 The person filing this statement pursuant to Rule 13-1(b) or 13d-2 is:

(g) Parent Holding Company (HC) (Relevant subsidiary is Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois domiciled insurance company.)

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 523,432

(b) Percent of Class 5.90%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has

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/s/ Barry L Hirsch

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Barry L. Hirsch

Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Exhibit 1

Loews Corporation holds in excess of 84% of the equity of CNA Financial Corp. CNA Financial Corp. owns 100% of the relevant subsidiary, Continental Assurance Company, an Illinois domiciled insurance company (IC). Continental Assurance Company is the direct owner of the position being reported.