UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. 5) *

HEARx, Ltd.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title Class of Securities)

4223601

(CUSIP Number)

Gregg M. Larson, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company 3M Center

St. Paul, MN 55133 (612) 733-2204

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 6, 1997

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box [].

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company 41-0417775

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (A) //

(B)//

- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*
- CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) //
- CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER SOLE VOTING POWER OF 9,095,700

SHARES BENEFICI-

- 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

ALLY 0

OWNED

BY EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 9,095,700

PERSON

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9,095,700
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* //
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 10.5%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

This Amendment No. 5 amends and supplements the Schedule 13D ("Schedule 13D") and Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, relating to the common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), of HEARx Ltd., a Delaware Corporation (the "Company"), previously filed by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, a Delaware corporation ("3M").

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Item 2 is hereby amended to add the following information: ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

DIRECTORS OF 3M

Allen F. Jacobson has retired from the position of Director and is no longer a Director of 3M.

Edward R. McCracken, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Silicon Graphics, Inc., 2011 North Shoreline Boulevard, P.O. Box 7311, Mountain View, California 94039-7311. Mr. McCracken was elected a Director of 3M in 1997.

Item 5 (a) is hereby amended to state as follows: ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) 3M beneficially owns 9,095,700 shares of Common Stock of the Company as of the date of this Amendment No. 5, representing an aggregate of approximately 10.5% of the outstanding shares of the Company (based upon 86,293,940 shares of the Company's Common Stock outstanding as of June 27, 1997, as disclosed in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 27, 1997.)

3M has elected not to exercise an Option to Purchase Series F Preferred Stock, which was exercisable in Common Stock for 800,000 shares. The Option to Purchase Series F Preferred Stock has expired.

(b) In Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D filed on June 6, 1996, 3M stated its intention to evaluate the possibility of selling all, or from time to time, portions of the Common Stock held by it. As part of this strategy, 3M sold 886,700 shares of Common Stock of the Company in market transactions as follows:

	AVERAGE	NUMBER
TRADE DATE	PRICE/SHARE	OF SHARES
September 11, 1997	\$2.00	338,900
September 15, 1997	\$2.00	85,400
September 16, 1997	\$2.00	107,300
September 18, 1997	\$2.00	128,400
September 22, 1997	\$2.00	19,700
September 23, 1997	\$2.00	7,000
October 6, 1997	\$2.0797	200,000

SIGNATURE

this statement is true, complete and correct.

MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY

October 8, 1997

/s/ Gregg M. Larson

Signature

Gregg M. Larson, Assistant Secretary