SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: March 26, 2003 (Date of earliest event reported)

3M COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

File No. 1-3285 (Commission File Number)

Delaware (State of incorporation)

41-0417775 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

3M Center St. Paul, Minnesota 55144-1000 (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices) Registrant's telephone, including area code:

(651) 733-1110

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Attached is a press release of 3M Company dated March 26, 2003.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits Required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K

EXHIBIT NO.

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DESCRIPTION ------Press Release dated March 26, 2003

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

3M COMPANY

By: /s/ Gregg M. Larson Gregg M. Larson, Secretary

Dated: March 26, 2003

EXHIBIT 99

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## COURT ISSUES RULING IN LEPAGE'S CASE

ST. PAUL, MINN. -- March 26, 2003 -- The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled against 3M yesterday in a federal antitrust claim brought in 1997 by LePage's Inc., a transparent tape competitor of 3M. 3M intends to petition the United States Supreme Court to review the Third Circuit's ruling.

LePage's claim focused on specific rebate programs involving transparent tape and other products. 3M discontinued such programs more than three years ago. Yesterday's ruling affirms a jury verdict entered in 1999 that had been reversed by a prior ruling in 3M's favor by a panel of the Third Circuit court in 2002.

Although the Supreme Court will likely not decide whether to hear 3M's appeal until the fall, 3M expects to record a non-recurring charge in the first quarter of 2003 to reflect yesterday's ruling. As previously announced, the charge will be in the amount of approximately \$85 million (pre-tax), plus additional amounts to be determined for interest (after March 31, 2003) and attorney's fees.

## ABOUT 3M

3M is a \$16 billion diversified technology company with leading positions in consumer and office; display and graphics; electronics and telecommunications; health care; industrial; safety, security and protection services; transportation and other businesses. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, the company has operations in more than 60 countries and serves customers in nearly 200 countries. 3M is one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average and also is a component of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index.

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