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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 17, 2005**

**3M COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**File No. 1-3285**

(Commission File Number)

**41-0417775**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**3M Center, St. Paul, Minnesota**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**55144-1000**

(Zip Code)

**(651) 733-1110**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 (c) Appointment of Principal Officers

On February 17, 2005, 3M Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Margaret M. Smyth as vice president and chief accounting officer. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release, dated as of February 17, 2005 of 3M Company.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Smyth Named Chief Accounting Officer of 3M**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** - Feb. 17, 2005 - 3M today announced that Margaret M. Smyth has been appointed vice president and chief accounting officer of 3M, effective April 12. In this newly created position, Smyth will be responsible for leading and managing the financial reporting efforts globally for 3M.

“We’re excited to have Peggy join the 3M team,” said Pat Campbell, senior vice president and chief financial officer. “She is well-qualified to provide the leadership and vision to ensure the continued integrity of all 3M external financial reporting, and to lead the design and implementation of policies that promote global financial standards of high ethics and integrity.”

Smyth, 41, currently is a senior partner in the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, where she manages the northeast United States portion of the firm’s global technology, media and telecommunications practice. Prior to joining Deloitte in 2002, she was an assurance partner in charge of Arthur Andersen’s North American technology, media and communications assurance practice. Smyth holds a B.A. degree (summa cum laude) in economics from Fordham University and an M.S. degree (summa cum laude) in accounting from New York University.

**About 3M - A Global, Diversified Technology Company**

Every day, 3M people find new ways to make amazing things happen. Wherever they are, whatever they do, the company’s customers know they can rely on 3M to help make their lives better. 3M’s brands include Scotch, Post-it, Scotchgard, Thinsulate, Scotch-Brite, Filtrete, Command and Vikuiti. Serving customers in more than 200 countries around the world, the company’s 67,000 people use their expertise, technologies and global strength to lead in major markets, including consumer and office; display and graphics; electronics and telecommunications; safety, security and protection services; health care; industrial; and transportation.

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