

**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): **August 14, 2006**

**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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On August 14, 2006, Mr. W. James Farrell, retired chairman of Illinois Tool Works Inc., was elected by the Board of Directors of 3M to serve as a director of 3M, effective August 14, 2006. Mr. Farrell serves on the audit and finance committees of the Board. A copy of the press release announcing the election of Mr. Farrell is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
99.1	Press release, dated August 15, 2006, of 3M Company

**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,  
Associate General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: August 17, 2006

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**W. James Farrell Elected to 3M Board of Directors**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** - Aug. 15, 2006 - 3M (NYSE:MMM) announced today that the Board of Directors elected W. James Farrell, 64, retired chairman, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (NYSE:ITW), to the Board of Directors. The board has determined that Farrell is an independent director under the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and the board's independence guidelines. Farrell has been appointed to serve on the board's audit and finance committees.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Mr. Farrell to our board," said George W. Buckley, 3M chairman, president and chief executive officer. "He is a talented and proven global business leader, and will bring valuable insight and management experience to the board and our company."

Farrell served as chairman of ITW, a Fortune 200 diversified manufacturing company, from 1996 to 2006 and chief executive officer from 1995 to 2005.

**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 people of 3M 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. For more information, including the latest product and technology news, visit [www.3M.com](http://www.3M.com).

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