# 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): March 1, 2010

## **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.)

> 55144-1000 (Zip Code)

3M Center, St. Paul, Minnesota (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(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:

□ 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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

### **Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

Attached is the form of the award letter for Performance Share awards made effective March 1, 2010 to the Company's executives under the 3M 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan. These awards provide long-term incentive compensation to 3M's executives based on the Company's attainment of the performance criteria selected by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. These awards may result in the issuance of actual shares of 3M common stock following the completion of the performance period for the awards (which ends on December 31, 2012).

The above description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual form, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

10.1

Form of 3M 2010 Performance Share Award

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** 

Description

By: /s/ Gregg M. Larson Gregg M. Larson, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary

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#### Form of 3M 2010 Performance Share Award

## SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM GEORGE BUCKLEY: YOUR 3M 2010 PERFORMANCE SHARE AWARD

### FIRST & LAST NAME EMPLOYEE #

This is the second of two letters you will receive concerning your 3M 2010 Performance Share award. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the number of contingent shares actually assigned to you as your 2010 award. The number of contingent shares was calculated by dividing the target value of your performance share award by the Grant Date Fair Value of 3M stock on March 1, 2010 (\$74.47).

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has approved the following 3M Performance Share award to be issued under the 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) effective March 1, 2010:

AWARD YEAR: 2010 AWARD DESCRIPTION: ANNUAL AWARD TARGET VALUE: \$xxx,xxx NUMBER OF CONTINGENT SHARES: x,xxx

Performance Shares issued under the LTIP are a significant part of your total compensation as a 3M executive. Performance Shares reward your leadership and commitment in managing 3M's business for sustainability and improved results over time.

The 2010 award will compensate you for the results we achieve against corporate financial goals over the three-year period 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The maximum payout will be 2 times the number of contingent shares assigned to you at the time of the award. Your 2010 award will be governed by the provisions of the LTIP plan document, and will be paid out in March 2013 unless you elected to defer the payout under the 3M Performance Awards Deferred Compensation Plan.

The three performance measures for the 2010 award are Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) versus target, 3M Organic Sales Growth versus the Worldwide Industrial Production Index (IPI) and New Product Vitality Index versus target. For more information about the metrics and how Performance Shares issued under the LTIP Plan will work, please review the brochure entitled "Understanding Your 2010 3M Performance Share Grant Issued under the 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan - Effective March 1, 2010", which was sent to you via an earlier email.

Please note that at their Annual Meeting in May, 3M's stockholders will be asked to approve the use of the New Product Vitality Index as a performance measure for performance share awards under the LTIP. If 3M's stockholders do not approve the use of the New Product Vitality Index, the Compensation Committee would need to decide how to adjust your 2010 Performance Share award.