

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\*

Cogent, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

19239Y108

(CUSIP Number)

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October 20, 2010

(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 that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box .

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
3M Company

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
OO

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware

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7. Sole Voting Power  
0

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With:

8. Shared Voting Power  
59,823,465

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9. Sole Dispositive Power  
0

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10. Shared Dispositive Power  
59,823,465

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
59,823,465

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12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 11  
67.6%\*

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14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
CO

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\* The calculation is based on 88,536,001 shares of Issuer Common Stock outstanding as of October 8, 2010, which figure is based on information provided by the Issuer.

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
Ventura Acquisition Corporation

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

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(b)

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3. SEC Use Only

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Delaware

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0

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#### Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D amends and supplements the Schedule 13D, as amended by Amendment No. 5 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed on October 8, 2010 and by Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed on October 15, 2010 and as may be further amended from time to time (the "Schedule 13D"), originally filed on August 29, 2010 by 3M Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Ventura Acquisition Corporation (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares"), of Cogent, Inc. ("Cogent" or the "Issuer").

Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Schedule 13D.

#### Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended, in pertinent part, as follows:

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, 3M was entitled, upon payment for Shares tendered pursuant to the Offer, to designate a number of directors of Cogent, rounded up to the next whole number, that is equal to the product of the total number of directors on the Cogent board and the percentage that the number of common shares owned by Purchaser or any other subsidiary of 3M bears to the total number of common shares outstanding. Accordingly, on October 21, 2010, 3M's designees, Michael P. Delkoski, Carol. A. Peterson, Rudy Pitera, Maureen C. Faricy and Kimberly Torseth, were appointed to the Cogent board.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended, in pertinent part, as follows:

(a) — (b) The Reporting Persons have acquired 13,441,686 additional Shares in the subsequent offering period that commenced October 8, 2010. Based on information provided by the Issuer, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of an aggregate of 59,823,465 Shares, representing approximately 67.6% of the outstanding Shares as of October 8, 2010. The information set forth in Item 4 is incorporated herein by reference.

**Additional Information**

This document is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Cogent, Inc. 3M Company and Ventura Acquisition Corporation have filed a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO containing an offer to purchase, forms of letters of transmittal and other documents relating to the tender offer and Cogent, Inc. has filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the tender offer. 3M Company, Ventura Acquisition Corporation and Cogent, Inc. have mailed these documents to the stockholders of Cogent, Inc. These documents contain important information about the tender offer and stockholders of Cogent, Inc. are urged to read them carefully. Copies of these documents and other documents filed by Cogent, Inc., 3M Company or Ventura Acquisition Corporation are available for free on the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, a free copy of these documents may also be obtained from the information agent, Geogeson Inc., 199 Water Street, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10038, by calling toll free (866) 647-8872 or, for bankers and brokers, (212) 440-9800.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: October 22, 2010

3M Company

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

Ventura Acquisition Corporation

By: /s/ Carol A. Peterson  
Name: Carol A. Peterson  
Title: Secretary

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