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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): **May 10, 2011**

**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. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 10, 2011, the Board of Directors of 3M Company appointed Inge G. Thulin Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective as of May 1, 2011.

Mr. Thulin, 57, has served as the Company's Executive Vice President, International Operations since 2003.

As of the time of the filing of this report, the Company has not entered into any material plan, contract, or arrangement to which Mr. Thulin is a party or in which he participates, or any material amendment, in connection with the appointment described above. In the event of such a material plan, contract or arrangement, or material amendment, the Company will file an amendment to this report within four business days thereof.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

A copy of the press release dated May 16, 2011 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

3M COMPANY

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

Dated: May 16, 2011

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### 3M Appoints Chief Operating Officer

ST. PAUL, Minn.—May 16—3M today announced that Inge G. Thulin has been appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer, effective May 1, 2011. Thulin, 57, has been 3M's executive vice president of International Operations since 2003. He will report to George W. Buckley, 3M chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Thulin will have day to day responsibility for 3M's six business segments and international operations, with the executive vice presidents of those businesses reporting to him.

"The appointment of Inge represents continuing development of 3M's leadership team with the goal of ensuring that 3M remains on a strong growth track for many years to come," said Buckley.

Buckley noted that in recent years the company has invested on many fronts to reinforce long-term, sustainable growth by increasing the flow of innovative new products, streamlining the company's supply chain, maintaining 3M's superior financial position and strengthening the company's leadership development.

"All these elements are necessary for our long-term success, and strong leadership development is at the top of the list," he said.

Buckley continued, "Inge's leadership of 3M's international organization has been marked by superb business development and growth and I have every confidence that he will do the same in his new position."

#### About 3M

3M captures the spark of new ideas and transforms them into thousands of ingenious products. Our culture of creative collaboration inspires a never-ending stream of powerful technologies that make life better. 3M is the innovation company that never stops inventing. With \$27 billion in sales, 3M employs about 80,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 65 countries.

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