



3M Anticipates New U.S. Healthcare Law to Result in One-Time Charge of \$85 - \$90 Million After Tax in First Quarter of 2010

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ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--3M Company (NYSE: MMM) said today that it expects to record a one-time non-cash charge of \$85 to \$90 million after tax, or approximately 12 cents per share, in the first quarter of 2010, resulting from the recently enacted Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including modifications made in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 passed by Congress on March 25, 2010. The charge is due to a reduction in the value of the company's deferred tax asset as a result of a change to the tax treatment of Medicare Part D reimbursements. The company's 2010 GAAP earnings expectations, as provided in 3M's Form 8-K dated January 28, 2010, were based on tax law in effect as of that date and therefore did not include the impact of the Act.

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A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M's core strength is applying its more than 40 distinct technology platforms - often in combination - to a wide array of customer needs. With \$23 billion in sales, 3M employs 75,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 65 countries.

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