



3M Increases Dividend 8 Percent and Authorizes \$7.5 Billion Share Repurchase Program

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ST. PAUL, Minn.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--The Board of Directors of 3M (NYSE:MMM) today declared a dividend on the company's common stock of 63.5 cents per share for the first quarter of 2013, an 8 percent increase over the quarterly dividend paid in 2012. The dividend is payable on March 12, 2013, to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 15, 2013. This marks the company's 55th consecutive year of 3M dividend increases, and its 96th year of continuous dividend payments.

The board also authorized the repurchase of up to \$7.5 billion of 3M's outstanding common stock, replacing the company's existing repurchase program. The authorization has no pre-established closing date.

"These actions reflect both our confidence in 3M's future and our commitment to return significant cash to our shareholders," said Inge Thulin, 3M chairman, president and CEO.

Over the past ten years, the company has returned \$32 billion to shareholders through a combination of dividends and share repurchases, or 89 percent of reported net income.

As of December 31, 2012, 3M had 687,091,650 common shares outstanding and 96,719 shareholders of record.

The 3M Board of Directors also set March 15, 2013, as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking information about 3M's financial results and estimates and business prospects that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by the use of words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "plan," "believe," "will," "target," "forecast" and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance or business plans or prospects. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are the following: (1) worldwide economic and capital markets conditions and other factors beyond the Company's control, including natural and other disasters affecting the operations of the Company or its customers and suppliers; (2) the Company's credit ratings and its cost of capital; (3) competitive conditions and customer preferences; (4) foreign currency exchange rates and fluctuations in those rates; (5) the timing and market acceptance of new product offerings; (6) the availability and cost of purchased components, compounds, raw materials and energy (including oil and natural gas and their derivatives) due to shortages, increased demand or supply interruptions (including those caused by natural and other disasters and other events); (7) the impact of acquisitions, strategic alliances, divestitures, and other unusual events resulting from portfolio management actions and other evolving business strategies, and possible organizational restructuring; (8) generating fewer productivity improvements than estimated; (9) security breaches and other disruptions to the Company's information technology infrastructure; and (10) legal proceedings, including significant developments that could occur in the legal and regulatory proceedings described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and its subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q (the "Reports"). Changes in such assumptions or factors could produce significantly different results. A further description of these factors is located in the Reports under "Cautionary Note Concerning Factors That May Affect Future Results" and "Risk Factors" in Part I, Items 1 and 1A (Annual Report) and in Part I, Item 2 and Part II, Item 1A (Quarterly Report). The information contained in this news release is as of the date indicated. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this news release as a result of new information or future events or developments.

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