

3M Announces Receipt of Final Antitrust Clearance Regarding Acquisition of Ceradyne

3M (NYSE:MMM) announced today that on November 15, 2012, it received clearance from the Austrian Federal Competition Authority with respect to its previously announced tender offer for all issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Ceradyne, Inc. (NASDAQ: CRDN) at a price of \$35.00 per share (the "Offer"). The U.S. Federal Trade Commission previously granted early termination of the required waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, on October 15, 2012, and 3M received clearance from the German Federal Cartel Office on October 30, 2012. With the receipt of the above clearances, the condition of the Offer with respect to clearance under applicable antitrust and competition laws has been completely satisfied.

The Offer remains subject to the satisfaction of certain other conditions. The Offer is scheduled to expire at 5:00 P.M. (New York City time) on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, unless the Offer is extended.

Additional Information

This news release and the description contained herein is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Ceradyne, Inc. On October 15, 2012, 3M and its wholly owned subsidiary, Cyborg Acquisition Corporation, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO containing an offer to purchase, a form of letter of transmittal and other documents relating to the tender offer, and Ceradyne filed with the SEC a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the tender offer. 3M, Cyborg Acquisition Corporation and Ceradyne mailed these documents to the stockholders of Ceradyne. These documents contain important information about the tender offer and stockholders of Ceradyne are urged to read them carefully. Stockholders of Ceradyne can obtain a free copy of these documents and other documents filed by Ceradyne, 3M or Cyborg Acquisition Corporation with the SEC at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, stockholders can obtain a free copy of these documents from Georgeson, Inc., the information agent for the tender offer, toll-free at (866) 257-5415, or from 3M.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements about 3M's and Ceradyne's financial results and estimates and/or 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," "future," "opportunity," "accelerate" and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance or business plans or prospects. Such statements are qualified by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations generally, and also may materially differ from actual future experience involving any one or more of such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include: uncertainties as to the timing of the tender offer and merger; uncertainties as to how many Ceradyne stockholders will tender their shares of Ceradyne stock in the tender offer; the risk that competing offers will be made; the possibility that various closing conditions for the transaction may not be satisfied or waived, including that a governmental entity may prohibit, delay or refuse to grant approval for the consummation of the transaction; any conditions imposed by governmental or regulatory authorities in connection with consummation of the tender offer and the merger; satisfaction of various other conditions to the completion of the tender offer and the merger contemplated by the merger agreement; the possibility that expected benefits may not materialize as expected; and other risk factors as set forth from time to time in 3M's and Ceradyne's filings with the SEC. The factors that could cause actual results to differ

materially include the following: (1) worldwide economic and capital markets conditions and other factors beyond 3M's or Ceradyne's control, including natural and other disasters affecting the operations of 3M, Ceradyne or their respective customers and suppliers; (2) 3M'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 3M's information technology infrastructure; and (10) legal proceedings, including significant developments that could occur in the legal and regulatory proceedings described in 3M's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and its subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q (the "3M Reports"). Changes in such assumptions or factors could produce significantly different results. A further description of these factors is located in the 3M Reports under "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in Part I, Item 1A and Part II, Items 7 and 7A (Annual Report) and in Part I, Items 2 and 3 and Part II, Item 1A (Quarterly Report) and in Part I, Item 1A of Ceradyne's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 under "Risk Factors." The information contained in this news release is as of the date indicated. 3M and Ceradyne assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this news release as a result of new information or future events or developments.

About Ceradyne, Inc.

Founded in 1967, Ceradyne has diversified its product lines to capture opportunities created by the growing demand for better materials performance. Ceradyne develops, manufactures and markets advanced technical ceramic products and components for defense, industrial, energy, automotive/diesel and commercial applications. Additional information can be found at Ceradyne's website: www.Ceradyne.com.

About 3M

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