3M Plant Recognized by IndustryWeek for Manufacturing Plant Excellence

3M Aberdeen Plant Named among IndustryWeek's 2013 Best Plants

IndustryWeek has announced that 3M Aberdeen (Aberdeen, S.D.) has been chosen as one of their "Best Plants of 2013" – an annual salute to North American manufacturing excellence, now in its' 24th year. IndustryWeek's "Best Plants" competition recognizes facilities that are on the leading edge of efforts to increase competitiveness enhance satisfaction and create stimulating and rewarding work environments.

"3M is committed to the pursuit of innovation and performance excellence," said Keith Kelble, Plant Manager. "We're pleased our Aberdeen, S.D. plant and employees are being recognized by *IndustryWeek* for the outstanding products that we make here." To view a short video about 3M Aberdeen, visit <u>3M Aberdeen, S.D.</u>

Four other 3M manufacturing facilities were named as finalists in *IndustryWeek's* annual competition before 3M Aberdeen was selected as a winning facility: 3M Decatur Film (Decatur, Ala.), 3M Edumex (Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico), 3M Greenville Film (Greenville, S.C.) and 3M Knoxville (Knoxville, Iowa).

Winning facilities will be profiled in the January 2014 issue of *IndustryWeek* and online at www.industryweek.com. Winners will also be honored at the 2014 *IndustryWeek* Best Plants conference, May 5-7 in Milwaukee. For the full list of the winning facilities and additional information about the 2013 Best Plants Competition, click www.industryweek.com.

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 \$30 billion in sales, 3M employs about 88,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 70 countries. For more information, visit www.3M.com or follow @3MNews on Twitter.

About The INDUSTRYWEEK Best Plants Award Competition

Established in 1990, the INDUSTRYWEEK Best Plants awards program annually recognizes plants, located in North America, that are on the leading edge of efforts to increase competitiveness, enhance customer satisfaction and create stimulating and rewarding work environments. Its further goal is to encourage other manufacturing managers and work teams to emulate the honorees by adopting world-class practices, technologies, and improvement strategies. For additional information, visit www.industryweek.com.

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