

3M and SGA Settle Patent Dispute Relating to Paint Spray Technology

ST. PAUL, Minn. & WORCESTER, Mass.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--3M Company and Saint-Gobain Abrasives Inc. and their respective affiliates have settled a long-standing patent dispute in Europe that related to paint spraying technology and included infringement actions brought by 3M under several European patents against Saint-Gobain Abrasives in Germany and in France and corresponding nullity actions by Saint-Gobain Abrasives in Germany, nullity counter-claims in France and oppositions before the European Patent Office. The patents enforced by 3M included EP1961488 B1, EP 1,366,823 B1, EP 2,090,372 B1 and EP 2,090,373 B1 all of which relate to 3M's Paint Preparation System (PPS™) technology. Saint-Gobain Abrasives supplies a variety of products under its "Norton Paint Systems" (NPS) brand.

The settlement concluded between 3M and Saint-Gobain Abrasives includes the resolution of all disputes and a release of Saint-Gobain's NPS products under 3M's paint spray technology related patents.

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