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### *Acquisition Expands 3M's Presence in Personal Safety Industry*

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**Public Company Information:**

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ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--3M (NYSE: MMM) today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Scott Safety from Johnson Controls for a total enterprise value of \$2.0 billion. Scott Safety is a premier manufacturer of innovative products, including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) systems, gas and flame detection instruments, and other safety devices that complement 3M's personal safety portfolio.

"Personal safety is a core growth business within the 3M portfolio," said Inge G. Thulin, 3M chairman, president and chief executive officer. "This acquisition leverages our fundamental strengths in technology, manufacturing, global capabilities and brand, and builds upon recent portfolio actions within our Safety and Graphics business to position it for long-term success."

Scott Safety's products help protect firefighters, industrial workers, police, military, homeland security forces, and rescue teams around the world from environmental hazards. The business had annual revenues in 2016 of approximately \$570 million.

"Scott Safety is a recognized leader in the safety industry with a portfolio of strong products, brands, and a talented team of dedicated employees," added Frank Little, executive vice president, 3M Safety and Graphics Business Group. "Combining 3M's products, brands and global capabilities in personal protective equipment with Scott Safety's well-regarded safety products will provide a broader array of safety products and solutions, enhancing our relevance to customers worldwide."

3M's Personal Safety Division provides respiratory, hearing, and fall protection solutions that help improve the safety and health of workers. The business also supplies products and solutions in other safety categories such as reflective materials for high-visibility apparel, protective clothing and head, eye, and face protection.

On a GAAP reported basis, 3M estimates the acquisition to be \$0.10 dilutive to earnings in the first 12 months following completion of the transaction. Excluding purchase accounting adjustments and anticipated one-time expenses related to the transaction and integration, 3M estimates the acquisition to be \$0.10 accretive to earnings over the same period.

The effective enterprise value multiple is approximately 11 times estimated annual adjusted EBITDA for the first 12 months following completion of the transaction, including expected run rate synergies.

The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2017, subject to customary closing conditions, regulatory approvals, and information or consultation requirements with relevant works councils. 3M will finance the transaction through a combination of cash and debt.

Scott Safety employs approximately 1,500 people worldwide and is headquartered in Monroe, N.C.

Citi and Goldman, Sachs & Co. acted as financial advisors to 3M and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP acted as legal counsel to 3M.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This 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," "aim," "project," "intend," "plan," "believe," "will," "should," "could," "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, political, and capital markets conditions and other factors beyond the Company's control, including natural and other disasters or climate change 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) unanticipated problems or delays with the phased implementation of a global enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, or security breaches and other disruptions to the Company's information technology infrastructure; (10) financial market risks that may affect the Company's funding obligations under defined benefit pension and postretirement plans; (11) 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 Dec. 31, 2016, and any subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q (the "Reports"), and (12) risks and uncertainties related to the acquisition of Scott Safety, including as to the satisfaction of closing conditions and the realization of synergies from the transaction. 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 Reports). The information contained in this release is as of the date indicated. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this release as a result of new information or future events or developments.

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