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Scott Hanson Named to Lead 3M's Houston Oil & Gas Customer Center

Innovative Houston-based center set to open this spring

HOUSTON – April 30, 2007 (Booth #3679) – 3M Oil and Gas Business today announced that Scott Hanson will be heading the company's new Oil & Gas Customer Center, scheduled to open in spring 2007. The center will spotlight 3M's proven applications and innovative technologies in the oil and gas industry.

"I'm excited to head up 3M's first oil and gas customer center in Houston," said Hanson. "This center brings 3M Innovation to the heart of the oil and gas industry where we can build on our long history and wide range of applications and respond to our customer needs faster."

Hanson serves as the global oil and gas exploration and production business development manager for 3M Oil and Gas. His responsibilities at the Customer Center will include working with customers to identify their needs and providing products and solutions to help meet those needs. He will lead a team of development engineers with expertise in diverse products and applications relevant to the industry.

Prior to working with the oil and gas segment, Hanson held several positions with 3M Consumer and Office, primarily working with the Scotchgard Protector and Scotch brands. He was also a Six Sigma Black Belt. Previously, Hanson worked for Amoco Corporation as an engineer.

“Scott’s experience in the oil and gas industry and his commitment to understanding the needs of the market will be a great asset to our customers who are looking for new applications of 3M’s technologies,” said Doug Rowen, business director with 3M. “His engineering background and knowledge will accelerate our ability to match 3M solutions that address the industry’s toughest problems.”

Hanson holds a master’s degree in engineering management from Northwestern University’s McCormick School of Engineering and a master’s degree in business administration from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. He completed undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he obtained his bachelor’s degree in civil and environmental engineering.

3M’s Oil and Gas Customer Center includes a laboratory, meeting space and application showcase demonstrating a wide variety of proven solutions for the industry. Four areas within exploration and production will have specific focus: drilling fluids, low density cement, liquid filtration and pipe insulation. Technical experts will also be available for other applications to meet customers’ needs. The center will serve as a pipeline for 3M’s proven applications that utilize 3M’s 45 core technology platforms, allowing for synergy and interaction between customers and technical experts in a laboratory setting to delve into the challenges companies face that match 3M’s proven offerings.

3M’s Oil and Gas business has operations in more than 30 countries and is a reliable supplier of thousands of products that are used in virtually every aspect of the industry including exploration, production, refining, transportation and marketing. 3M remains one of the only companies that brings together a vast scope of offerings that aid in a wide variety of applications as varied as corrosion protection, buoyancy and insulation, low density cement, low density fluids, well stimulation, liquid filtration, metal fabrication and repair, pipeline marking and locating, personal protection and fire protection among others.

For more information about 3M’s offerings in the oil and gas industry, please visit www.3m.com/oilandgas.

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