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**3M Stands Behind the Sustainable Technology of its Fire Suppression Fluid,
Offering Industry-Leading 20-Year Warranty**

Novec 1230 fluid helps offshore marine vessels meet increasing environmental and safety standards

HOUSTON – Offshore Technology Conference, Booth #3679 – April 30-May 3, 2007 – 3M recently announced that 3M™ Novec™ 1230 Fire Protection Fluid now is offered with the 3M™ Blue SkySM Warranty. This industry-first assurance guarantees that if Novec 1230 fluid is banned from or restricted in use as a fire protection agent due to ozone depletion potential or global warming potential, 3M will refund the purchase price of the fluid. Novec 1230 fluid is a fire suppression fluid based on sustainable technology designed to balance the need for human safety and low environmental impact, while not compromising extinguishing performance.

“For drilling and oil company engineers who specify the fire protection systems on rigs, the Blue Sky warranty provides the peace of mind that their systems will withstand the increasingly strict regulations on environmental standards that are being imposed by global regulating authorities,” said Joe Koch, business manager for 3M Novec Fluids. “To our knowledge, no other chemical clean agent comes with a comparable warranty.”

The production of halon has been phased out in developed countries and will continue to be phased out in developing countries based upon the Montreal Protocol. With a zero ozone-depletion potential, an atmospheric lifetime of just five days (compared to 65 years for halon 1301) and a global warming potential of one (compared to approximately 3500 for HFC-227ea or HFC-25), Novec 1230 fluid is uniquely positioned to meet current halon replacement regulations and those in the foreseeable future.

The non-conductive, non-corrosive and fast-evaporating fluid is commercially available globally and is being used in occupied and occupiable spaces that contain delicate electrical equipment. The fluid can be applied in streaming, flooding, inerting and explosion suppression applications and leaves no messy residue to clean up so systems can remain operational.

The fluid, which is stored as a liquid, becomes a gas upon discharge and is therefore easier to handle and store. In addition, there is a distinct advantage in handling a low-vapor pressure liquid clean agent like Novec 1230 fluid as it can be shipped by air in bulk quantities. Due to the ease of transporting Novec 1230 fluid, offshore systems can be retrofitted without the rig having to return to a shipyard for maintenance. Systems charged with Novec 1230 fluid can be used in specialized streaming and conventional total flooding applications, localized flooding systems and directional spray type applications.

Leading OEMs that offer systems incorporating Novec 1230 fluid include: Tyco Safety Products, a component of Tyco Fire & Security; Siemens Building Technologies; Kidde, Fenwal and Chemetron, components of UTC Fire & Security; and SEVO Systems. For more information about 3M™ Novec™ 1230 Fire Protection Fluid, call 1-800-3M HELPS (1-800-364-3577) or visit www.3M.com/Novec1230fluid.

The 3M™ Blue SkySM Warranty for 3M™ Novec™ 1230 Fire Protection Fluid: If 3M™ Novec™ 1230 Fire Protection Fluid is banned from or restricted in use as a fire protection agent due to ODP or GWP, 3M will refund the purchase price of the 3M™ Novec™ 1230 fluid. Warranty good for 20 years. Must register your system with 3M within 30 days of system commissioning and every five years. For complete terms and conditions or to register your system for the Blue SkySM Warranty, log onto www.3M.com/novec1230fluid.

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