

Notice of Guaranteed Delivery
for
Offer to Purchase for Cash
All Outstanding Shares of Common Stock
of
COGENT, INC.
at
\$10.50 Net Per Share
by
Ventura Acquisition Corporation
a wholly-owned subsidiary of
3M Company

Do not use for signature guarantees

This form of notice of guaranteed delivery, or a form substantially equivalent to this form, must be used to accept the Offer to Purchase, dated September 10, 2010 (the “**Offer to Purchase**”) of Ventura Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“**Purchaser**”) and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of 3M Company, a Delaware corporation (“**3M**”) to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 (the “**Shares**”), of Cogent, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**Cogent**”), at a price of \$10.50 per Share, net to the seller in cash, without interest thereon and less any required withholding taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated September 10, 2010 (the “**Offer to Purchase**”) and in the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the “**Offer**”) enclosed herewith, if certificates for Shares and all other required documents cannot be delivered to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (the “**Depository**”) on or prior to the Expiration Date (as defined in Section 1 of the Offer to Purchase), if the procedure for delivery by book-entry transfer cannot be completed on or prior to the Expiration Date, or if time will not permit all required documents to reach the Depository on or prior to the Expiration Date.

Such form may be delivered by hand or transmitted via facsimile or mailed to the Depository and must include a guarantee by an Eligible Institution (as defined below). See Section 3 of the Offer to Purchase.

The Depository for the Offer Is:



By Mail:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Shareowner Services
Voluntary Corporate Actions
P.O. Box 64854
St. Paul, MN 55164-0854

By Facsimile Transmission:

For Eligible Institutions Only:
(866) 734-9952

For Confirmation Only Telephone:
(800) 380-1372

By Courier

*(until 6:00 p.m. New York City time
on Thursday, October 7, 2010):*

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Shareowner Services
Voluntary Corporate Actions
161 N. Concord Exchange
South St. Paul, MN 55075-1139

DELIVERY OF THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY TO AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ABOVE, OR TRANSMISSION OF INSTRUCTIONS VIA FACSIMILE TO A NUMBER OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ABOVE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID DELIVERY.

This Notice of Guaranteed Delivery is not to be used to guarantee signatures. If a signature on a Letter of Transmittal is required to be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution under the instructions thereto, such signature guarantee must appear in the applicable space provided in the signature box on the Letter of Transmittal.

The guarantee on page 3 must be completed.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby tenders to Ventura Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“**Purchaser**”) and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of 3M Company, a Delaware corporation (“**3M**”), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated September 10, 2010 (the “**Offer to Purchase**”), and the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the “**Offer**”), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the number of Shares indicated below pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedure set forth in Section 3 of the Offer to Purchase.

Number of Shares Tendered: _____ Name(s) of Record Owner(s): _____

Share Certificate Number(s) (if available):

(Please Type or Print)

If Shares will be delivered by book-entry transfer: Address(es): _____

Name of Tendering Institution: _____

(Including Zip Code)

DTC Participant Number: _____ Area Code and Telephone Number:

Transaction Code Number: _____

Date: _____, 2010 Signature(s):

GUARANTEE

(Not to be used for signature guarantee)

The undersigned, a member in good standing of a recognized Medallion Program approved by the Securities Transfer Association Incorporated, including the Security Transfer Agents Medallion Program, the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Signature Program and the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program (each, an **“Eligible Institution”**), hereby guarantees that either the certificates representing the Shares tendered hereby, in proper form for transfer, or timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such Shares into the Depository’s account at The Depository Trust Company (pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 3 of the Offer to Purchase), together with a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal (or facsimile thereof) with any required signature guarantees (or, in the case of a book-entry transfer, an Agent’s Message (as defined in the Offer to Purchase)) and any other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal, will be received by the Depository at one of its addresses set forth above within three (3) NASDAQ Global Select Market trading days after the date of execution hereof.

The Eligible Institution that completes this form must communicate the guarantee to the Depository and must deliver the Letter of Transmittal, Share Certificate(s) and/or any other required documents to the Depository within the time period shown above. Failure to do so could result in a financial loss to such Eligible Institution.

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____
(Including Zip Code)

Area Code and
Telephone Number: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Name: _____
(Please Type or Print)

Title: _____

Dated: _____, 2010

NOTE: DO NOT SEND THE SHARE CERTIFICATE(S) WITH THIS NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY. THE SHARE CERTIFICATE(S) ARE TO BE DELIVERED WITH THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.