

## Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M) has forecast lower second quarter and annual profits following currency charges.

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Mr Lewis Lehr, chairman, forecast that results for the second quarter to lower June than the \$157.3m or \$1.34 a share for last year, because of a 21 cents a share increase in currency charges to 35 cents.

The first half charges would be 65c with possible additional charges in the second half. Consequently last year's record \$678m, or \$5.78 a share, net profits is unlikely to be passed.

However, Mr Lehr stated that in the 1980s the company should meet its goals of 10% real growth and pretax profits margins of over 20% of sales each year.

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