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The Minnesota Mining and

Manufacturing Company today

reported a 11.2 percent increase in its third-quarter profits. The results were helped by

a 10.6 percent revenue gain and

strong performances by industrial and consumer divisions.

Profits rose to \$198 million,

or \$1.70 a share, from \$178 million, or \$1.51 a share, a year

earlier. Revenues rose to \$1.99

billion from \$1.80 billion. The manufacturing company, also known as 3M, said

profit margins increased both

in the United States and overseas, "despite substantial adverse effects" from the strong

dollar. It cited especially

strong sales of traffic signs and

traffic light equipment, telecommunications supplies,

video cassettes and computer

memory equipment. Lewis W. Lehr, chairman

and chief executive, said domestic sales volume rose 14

percent and international sales

volume, 12 percent.

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