



December 2, 2010

**INFORMATION CIRCULAR**  
**ONN Memo # 202098**

To: All BOX Participants and Participant Organizations  
From: BOX Market Operations Center  
Re: Cogent, Inc. (COGT) – Completed Cash Merger

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On Wednesday, December 1, 2010, Ventura Acquisition Corporation, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of 3M Company (MMM), completed its merger with Cogent, Inc. (COGT). Pursuant to the terms of the merger, each existing COGT common share will be converted into the right to receive **\$10.50 net cash per share. The merger became effective on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.**

**Pending Contract Adjustments**

Pursuant to the by-laws of The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), all Cogent, Inc. options will be adjusted as follows:

<b>Adjustment Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, December 2, 2010</b>
<b>New Deliverable/Contract:</b>	<b>\$1,050.00 (\$10.50 x 100) cash per contract</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

All resting orders for COGT options in the BOX order book will be cancelled by the BOX Market Operations Center after the close on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

Any further questions please call the Market Operation Center at (866) 768-8845 or view it on our website at [www.bostonoptions.com](http://www.bostonoptions.com).