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3M、コンバット・アームズとの和解を発表

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Aearo と 3M は和解金の一部を相殺するため、保険金回収活動に積極的に取り組んでおり、Aearo は 6 月、この訴訟に関連する保険会社に対する保険金回収訴訟を開始しました。

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