



## The Thomson Corporation Receives Regulatory Clearance for Acquisition of Information Holdings Inc.

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STAMFORD, Conn., Nov. 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC) and Information Holdings Inc. (NYSE: IHI) today announced that they have received confirmation that the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has cleared the proposed acquisition of IHI by Thomson, and the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 has been terminated accordingly. No conditions were imposed on the acquisition by the DOJ, and Thomson and IHI expect to close the transaction shortly, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

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Thomson and IHI announced on June 28, 2004 that they entered into a merger agreement pursuant to which Thomson would acquire IHI. Thomson is acquiring the outstanding common shares of IHI for \$28 cash per share, or approximately \$426 million in the aggregate, net of cash and investments held by IHI. On August 12, 2004, Thomson and IHI announced that they received a request for additional information from the DOJ and that the waiting period was extended. On August 31, 2004, IHI received stockholder approval of the merger agreement.

### The Thomson Corporation

The Thomson Corporation (<http://www.thomson.com> ), with 2003 revenues from continuing operations of \$7.44 billion, is a global leader in providing integrated information solutions to business and professional customers. Thomson provides value-added information, software tools and applications to more than 20 million users in the fields of law, tax, accounting, financial services, higher education, reference information, corporate training and assessment, scientific research and healthcare. With operational headquarters in Stamford, Conn., Thomson has approximately 38,000 employees and provides services in approximately 130 countries. The Corporation's common shares are listed on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC). Information Holdings Inc.

IHI is a leading provider of information products and services to intellectual property and life science markets. IHI's data businesses, which include MicroPatent(R), Master Data Center(TM) and IDRAC, provide a broad array of databases, information products and complementary services for intellectual property and regulatory professionals. IHI's Liquent unit is a leading provider of life science regulatory intelligence and publishing solutions.

This news release includes forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and reflect current expectations of Thomson and Information Holdings Inc. These forward-looking statements, such as expectations of Thomson and IHI regarding the expected timing for completing the transaction and any other statements about Thomson or IHI's managements' future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects, are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. Some of the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations are discussed in materials Thomson or IHI has filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada and the United States, as the case may be, from time to time, including the Thomson annual report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the IHI annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, both filed with the SEC. These risks include those associated with the ability of Thomson to fully derive anticipated benefits from its acquisitions, the ability to consummate the transaction, the ability of Thomson to successfully integrate IHI's operations and employees and the ability to realize anticipated synergies and cost savings. Thomson and IHI each disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward- looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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