



Thomson to Redeem US\$400 Million of Debt Securities

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STAMFORD, Conn., Aug. 2, 2005 (Canada NewsWire via COMTEX) -- The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), one of the world's leading information services providers, today announced that it has exercised its right to redeem approximately US\$400,000,000 of outstanding debt securities.

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Two separate series of securities will be redeemed, including a series of Canadian dollar-denominated medium term notes (MTNs) and a series of U.S. dollar-denominated notes. Thomson plans to finance the redemptions through debt financing, which may include new debt securities, the issuance of commercial paper, funds available under its revolving credit facilities and/or cash balances.

On September 1, 2005, Thomson plans to redeem all C\$400,000,000 of its outstanding 6.90% MTNs due June 4, 2008 (CUSIP No. 88490Z AB0). The total redemption price for the MTNs will be C\$1,106.8511 per C\$1,000 principal amount of MTNs held. The redemption price for the MTNs was determined today based on the Canada Yield Price, as defined in the trust indenture and other documentation governing the MTNs. The redemption price includes accrued and unpaid interest. Non-registered holders (banks, brokerage firms or other financial institutions) of the MTNs that maintain their interests through The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (CDS) should contact their CDS customer service representative with any questions about the MTN redemption. Alternatively, beneficial holders of the MTNs with any questions about the redemption should contact their respective brokerage firm or financial institution which holds interests in the MTNs on their behalf.

Thomson also announced that on August 16, 2005, it plans to redeem all US\$75,000,000 of its outstanding 7.62% notes due December 22, 2007, which were issued in a private placement. The total redemption price for the privately placed notes will be determined next week by the registered holders of the notes and Thomson in accordance with the documentation governing the notes.

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