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Thomson Scientific, part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC) and leading provider of information solutions to the worldwide research and business communities, today announced that research professionals can now order file histories directly through patent and trademark databases on Dialog(R), giving researchers the complete information on a patent or trademark in one place.

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"Providing access to file histories through Dialog enhances the productivity of intellectual property researchers by giving them streamlined access to the resources they need," said David Brown, Executive Vice President, Thomson Scientific, Corporate Markets. "This is another example of how we are leveraging our capabilities to deliver comprehensive patent solutions to our customers."

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-- U.S. litigation information
-- U.S. post-issuance assignment data
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-- U.S. post-issuance data, including assignment data
-- Maintenance fee status
-- Legal status
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