



## Thomson Shareholders Approve Acquisition of Reuters

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Reuters Shareholders Also Approve Acquisition;  
Transaction Expected to Close on April 17, 2008

STAMFORD, Conn., March 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), a leading provider of information solutions to business and professional customers worldwide, today announced that its shareholders overwhelmingly approved the proposed acquisition of Reuters Group PLC at a special meeting held today in Toronto.

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In separate meetings held today in London, Reuters shareholders also overwhelmingly approved the transaction. Thomson and Reuters will each now seek court approvals in Canada and the United Kingdom, respectively. The acquisition is expected to close on April 17, 2008.

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This news release includes forward-looking statements that are based on certain assumptions and reflect the Corporation's current expectations. Forward-looking statements include the Corporation's belief that the Reuters acquisition will close on April 17, 2008. The closing of the transaction is subject to approval by courts in Ontario, Canada and the United Kingdom. Forward-looking statements in this news release are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. These risks and uncertainties include the failure of the courts to approve the proposed transaction. Some of the other factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations are discussed in the Corporation's materials filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada and the United States from time to time, including the Corporation's management information circular dated February 29, 2008 for the special meeting of shareholders held on March 26, 2008, and its latest annual information form, which is also contained in its most recently filed annual report on Form 40-F. The Corporation disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as required by applicable law, rule or regulation.

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States. For further information about the public reference room, call the SEC at 1-800-732-0330. The Reuters circular, which constitutes an offer document of Thomson for the purposes of the UK Takeover Code, is also available for inspection during usual UK business hours on Monday to Friday of each week (UK public holidays excepted) at the registered office of Reuters, being The Reuters Building, South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5EP, United Kingdom, from the date of this news release until the closing of the transaction.

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