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FORM 6-K
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 2003

Commission File No.: 0-29954

THE THOMSON CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Metro Center, One Station Place
Stamford, Connecticut 06902, United States
(Address of principal executive offices)

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| 99.1 | Management's Discussion and Analysis |
| 99.2 | Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for the periods ended March 31, 2003 and 2002 and as at March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 (including reconciliation to U.S. GAAP for the periods ended March 31, 2003 and 2002) |
| 99.3 | Controls and Procedures |
| 99.4 | Certifications Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |

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| 99.5 | Certifications Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE THOMSON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paula R. Monaghan

Name: Paula R. Monaghan
Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: May 6, 2003

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