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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Thomson and Information Holdings Inc.  
Announce Extension of HSR Waiting Period for  
Proposed Thomson Acquisition of IHI**

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**STAMFORD, Conn., August 12, 2004** The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX:TOC) and Information Holdings Inc. (NYSE: IHI) announced today that Thomson and IHI have received a request for additional information and documentary material from the Department of Justice (DOJ) following DOJ's review of the proposed acquisition of IHI by Thomson.

Accordingly, the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 is extended and will expire 30 days after substantial compliance by Thomson and IHI with this "second request" unless terminated earlier by the DOJ. Thomson and IHI intend to respond promptly to the request.

The transaction is expected to close later this year pending approval by IHI's stockholders and regulatory authorities and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions. The special meeting of IHI stockholders to consider and vote on the transaction will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

**The Thomson Corporation**

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approximately 38,000 employees and

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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®, Master Data Center and IDRAC, provide a broad array of databases, information products and complementary services for intellectual property and regulatory professionals. IHI's Liqueur unit is a leading provider of life science regulatory intelligence and publishing solutions.

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