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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 20549

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**FORM 40-F**

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o Registration Statement Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

OR

ý Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

Commission File Number: 1-31349

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**THE THOMSON CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of Registrant's name into English (if applicable))

**Ontario**

(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**2731**

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number (if applicable))

**98-0176673**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number (if applicable))

**Metro Center, One Station Place, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, (203) 539-8000**

(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

**Thomson U.S. Holdings Inc.,**

**Metro Center, One Station Place, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, (203) 539-8000**

(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code) of agent for service in the United States)

**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

**Title of Each Class**

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**Name of Each Exchange  
on Which Registered**

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Common shares

New York Stock Exchange

**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

None

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Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:  
None

For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this Form:

Annual information form                       Audited annual financial statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

655,131,827 common shares and 6,000,000 Series II preference shares

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by filing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). If "Yes" is marked, indicate the filing number assigned to the Registrant in connection with such Rule.

Yes       82- \_\_\_\_\_      No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes                       No

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## **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

### **a. Disclosure controls and procedures.**

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of The Thomson Corporation (the "Corporation"), after evaluating the effectiveness of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this annual report, have concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that all information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in reports that it files or furnishes under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to the Corporation's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### **b. Changes in internal controls over financial reporting.**

There was no change in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that occurred during the Corporation's last fiscal year that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT**

The disclosure provided under the heading "Audit Committee" on page 45 of Exhibit 1 (Annual Information Form) is incorporated by reference herein.

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

The disclosure provided under the heading "Code of Business Conduct and Ethics" on page 48 of Exhibit 1 (Annual Information Form) is incorporated by reference herein.

## **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

The disclosure provided under the heading "Principal Accountant Fees and Services" on page 46 of Exhibit 1 (Annual Information Form) is incorporated by reference herein.

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The disclosure provided under the heading "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements, Commitments and Contractual Obligations" on page 20 of Exhibit 2 (Management's Discussion and Analysis) is incorporated by reference herein.

## **TABULAR DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

The disclosure provided under the heading "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements, Commitments and Contractual Obligations" on page 20 of Exhibit 2 (Management's Discussion and Analysis) is incorporated by reference herein.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The disclosure provided under the heading "Directors and Officers" on page 42 of Exhibit 1 (Annual Information

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Form) is incorporated by reference herein.

**DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

The disclosure provided under the headings "Controlled Company," "Independent Directors," "Presiding Director at Meetings of Non-Management Directors," "Communications with Non-Management Directors" and "Corporate Governance Guidelines and Board Committee Charters" beginning on page 47 of Exhibit 1 (Annual Information Form) is incorporated by reference herein.

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**UNDERTAKING AND CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS**

**a. Undertaking.**

The Corporation undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to: the securities registered pursuant to Form 40-F; the securities in relation to which the obligation to file an annual report on Form 40-F arises; or transactions in said securities.

**b. Consent to Service of Process.**

The Corporation has previously filed a Form F-X in connection with the class of securities in relation to which the obligation to file this report arises.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**THE THOMSON CORPORATION**

Date: March 2, 2005

By: /s/ Deirdre Stanley

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Name: Deirdre Stanley  
Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1                     | Annual Information Form dated March 2, 2005   |
| 2                     | Management's Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 and as at December 31, 2004 and 2003   |
| 3                     | Audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 and as at December 31, 2004 and 2003 (including reconciliation to U.S. GAAP for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 and as at December 31, 2004 and 2003) |
| 4                     | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants  |
| 31.1                  | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002  |
| 31.2                  | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002  |
| 32.1                  | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002  |
| 32.2                  | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002  |

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