



Thomson expands its anti-piracy offering with Nextamp S.A. integration

Paris, 25th July 2005 – Thomson (Euronext 18453; NYSE: TMS) announces today it has expanded its portfolio of activities in the field of content security solutions with the integration of Nextamp S.A.. Based in Rennes, France, Nextamp is leading provider of video watermarking products tailored to the needs of content owners and distributors.

Nextamp reinforces the implementation of Thomson's content security strategy. Key elements of this strategy include the exploitation of technologies such as watermarking, copy protection and counterfeit detection, as well as the development of services such as piracy risks assessments and tracking of on-line pirated content.

Thomson's content security technology portfolio, enriched recently with MediaSec's key watermarking patents, is now complemented by Nextamp's video watermarking solutions for applications such as post-production masters, dailies, pre-release material, broadcast, VOD and digital cinema.

Nextamp provides its watermarking solutions to leading post-production houses and broadcast operators on a global basis. Thomson intends to further the deployment of these solutions and to embed watermarking features into certain Thomson products.

Nextamp will be consolidated in Thomson's Software & Technology Solutions Business Unit, within the Group's Technology division.

"We are delighted to welcome Nextamp into Thomson as they have achieved development of a versatile range of powerful watermarking solutions, including support for high-definition formats and the H264 compression standard," said Jean-Charles Hourcade, Senior Executive Vice President, Technology and Group Chief Technology Officer. "We believe this expansion positions Thomson as the leading company in the video watermarking market and will accelerate our strategy of bringing comprehensive security solutions to the M&E industry worldwide".

About Thomson- Partner to the Media & Entertainment Industries

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