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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington DC 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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes No

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Information furnished on this form:

Press Release dated May 1, 2003 of The Thomson Corporation entitled "Thomson Reports First-Quarter 2003 Results". EXHIBIT INDEX

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Description

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| 99.1 | Press Release dated May 1, 2003. |
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SIGNATURES

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
(Registrant)

Date: May 1, 2003

/s/ PAULA R. MONAGHAN

Assistant Secretary

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