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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 6-K

#### Report of Foreign Issuer

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

For the month of August 2004

Commission File No.: 1-31349

### 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

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated August 16, 2004

**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

Date: August 16, 2004

By: /s/ DEIRDRE STANLEY

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Name: Deirdre Stanley

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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