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CREATIVE SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCES NEW ACCOUNTING PRODUCT - FINANCIAL ANALYSIS SOLUTION

DEXTER, MI - Creative Solutions, a business of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC;TSX: TOC), announced today the release of Financial Analysis Solution—the newest addition to the Creative Solutions Accounting® (CSA) family of products. Financial Analysis Solution is a powerful new application that enables firms to compare a client's financial position to similar businesses or an industry standard.

"Financial Analysis Solution is the logical next step in augmenting our Creative Solutions Accounting suite," said Jon Baron, Executive Vice President, Professional Accounting Markets, Thomson Tax & Accounting, and President and CEO of Creative Solutions. "Accountants can further extend the services they offer their clients to include valuable financial analyses that incorporate informative comparisons and meaningful reports."

In addition to being able to benchmark a client's financial position in relation to an industry standard, accountants can filter clients used to evaluate financial data based on user specified criteria, such as industry code or annual revenue, to increase the value of each comparison. Clients can then use this information to make informed decisions in key areas such as growth strategies, investments, and staffing levels.

"Financial Analysis Solution enables the accountant to provide clients with a better understanding of their financial position," said Jack LaRue Vice President of marketing at Creative Solutions. "By comparing key financial indicators to peers or industry standards, clients can see how their business measures up against similar businesses."

About The Thomson Corporation and Creative Solutions

The Thomson Corporation (www.thomson.com), with 2003 revenues from continuing operations of \$7.44 billion, is a global leader in providing integrated information solutions to business and professional customers. Thomson provides value-added information, software tools and applications to more than 20 million users in the fields of law, tax, accounting, financial services, higher education, reference information, corporate training and assessment, scientific research and healthcare. With operational headquarters in Stamford, Conn., Thomson has approximately 38,000 employees and 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).

As part of Thomson Tax & Accounting, Creative Solutions, founded in 1979, offers a comprehensive line of integrated write-up, payroll, client accounting, depreciation, trial balance, tax, tax planning, and practice management software, as well as web building and client portal services for practicing accountants. With more than 60 CPAs on staff, Creative Solutions offers software written for accountants, by accountants. More than 50,000 firms have Creative Solutions products. Thomson Tax & Accounting also includes the RIA, PPC, and Fast-Tax business units. You can learn more about Creative Solutions by visiting www.CreativeSolutions.Thomson.com.

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