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Thomson Financial Joins FTSE Global Distribution Service - First data vendor to access new network -

London & New York, June 16, 2003: - FTSE Group, the global index company, announces today that Thomson Financial, an operating unit of The Thomson Corporation (TSX: TOC, NYSE: TOC), and a leading provider of information and technology solutions to the worldwide financial community, becomes the first financial data vendor to join the new FTSE Global Distribution Service.

Starting today, Thomson Financial's real time products will offer FTSE data, in a live environment via the FTSE Global Distribution Service. The data will be disseminated on Thomson ONE, Thomson Financial's flexible, open application framework, from July 21st.

Jonathan Morris, European Product Director, Thomson Financial said, "We are constantly enhancing the breadth and depth of content available to meet the changing needs of our clients. We are pleased to be able to offer the first access to FTSE real-time data through our applications. FTSE clients will benefit from Thomson Financial's strong customer service and system support as well as the unrivalled functionality of our systems."

The new FTSE Global Distribution Service allows FTSE clients to access FTSE data from all major cities worldwide. The network is also available around the clock to support the needs of international clients. To deliver these enhancements, FTSE selected Radianz's leading global financial extranet, Radianznet to provide the Internet Protocol (IP) network connectivity.

Paul Grimes, FTSE Group Chief Operating Officer said, "As part of our commitment to provide superior customer service, FTSE developed its' own global real-time data distribution service to support the growing use of our international indexes by investors around the world. Through Thomson Financial, our customers around the world will

now have direct connectivity to FTSE real-time data, around the clock, seven days a week, through a robust and reliable platform.”

Additional information regarding the migration of FTSE real-time data to the new global distribution service can be found at www.ftse.com.

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About FTSE

FTSE Group is a world-leader in the creation and management of indices. With offices in London, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Madrid, Paris, New York, San Francisco and Tokyo, FTSE Group services clients in 77 countries worldwide. It manages and develops globally recognised indices ranging from the FTSE All-World Index to the FTSE 100, the FTSE4Good indices and the recently launched FTSEurofirst index series. The company has collaborative arrangements with the Athens, Cyprus, Euronext, Johannesburg, London, Luxembourg, and Madrid exchanges, as well as with Nikkei of Japan (Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc), Nomura Securities, the Osaka Securities Exchange and Xinhua Financial Network of China.

FTSE indices are used extensively by investors world-wide for investment analysis, performance measurement, asset allocation, portfolio hedging and for creating a wide range of index tracking funds. Independent committees of senior fund managers, derivatives experts, actuaries and other experienced practitioners review all changes to the indices to ensure that they are made objectively and without bias. Real-time FTSE indices are calculated on systems managed by Reuters. Prices and FX rates used are supplied by Reuters.

About Thomson Financial

Thomson Financial is a US\$1.5 billion provider of information and technology solutions to the worldwide financial community. Through the widest range of products and services in the industry, Thomson Financial helps clients in more than 70 countries make better decisions, be more productive and achieve superior results. Thomson Financial is part of The Thomson Corporation (www.thomson.com), a leading provider of value-added information, software applications and tools 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. The Corporation reported 2002 revenues of US\$7.8 billion and its common shares are listed on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges (TSX: TOC; NYSE: TOC).