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**FORM 6-K**

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 June 2002

**THE THOMSON CORPORATION**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Suite 2706, Toronto Dominion Bank Tower  
P.O. Box 24, 66 Wellington St. West  
Toronto-Dominion Centre  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5K 1A1, Canada  
(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.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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Information furnished on this form:

Form 45-102F2 dated June 17, 2001 filed under the Ontario Securities Act.

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**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained in Exhibit number 1 constitute forward-looking statements, which are based on the Corporation's current expectations and assumptions, and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, general business and economic conditions and competitive actions.

**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: June 17, 2002

/s/ Paula R. Monaghan  
Assistant Secretary

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**ONTARIO SECURITIES COMMISSION  
FORM 45-102F2**

**Certificate under Subsection 2.7(2) or (3) of  
Multilateral Instrument 45-102 Resale of Securities**

The Thomson Corporation ("Thomson") has distributed securities under a provision listed in Appendix D or E to Multilateral Instrument 45-102 or a provision of securities legislation that specifies that the first trade of the securities is subject to section 2.5 or 2.6 of Multilateral Instrument 45-102 and hereby certifies that in respect of a distribution on June 17, 2002 of 1,098,053 common shares of Thomson, Thomson was a qualifying issuer within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 45-102 Resale of Securities at the distribution date.

DATED at Toronto this 17th day of June, 2002.

**The Thomson Corporation**

By: /s/ Paula R. Monaghan  
Paula R. Monaghan  
Assistant Secretary

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