New Residential and Business DSL Solutions from Thomson Provide Enhanced Connectivity Options

Complete Range of SpeedTouch™ Residential Wireless Gateways and New Business DSL Gateway Deliver Advanced Broadband Services

Hanover, Germany, March 18, 2004 – To ensure effortless connectivity at both home and the office, Thomson (Euronext Paris: 18453; NYSE: TMS), the world leader in integrated solutions (technologies, equipment and services) for the entertainment and media industries is expanding its range of DSL products to include a sophisticated ADSL2+ business router that enables remote workers to securely connect to the corporate local area network (LAN) and a range of advanced residential gateways with high-speed wireless 802.11g compatibility. Thomson is a key provider of products and services to the entertainment, broadcasting, telecommunications and retail industries.

"Telecommunications companies are looking for avenues to increase profits and reduce churn in a highly competitive marketplace and Thomson is dedicated to creating not only technologically advanced products, but also efficient and affordable solutions," said Bruno Fabre, Vice President, Telecom Division, Thomson. "For business customers, we have developed a complete package that gives the Telecom companies the opportunity to offer value added services such as network management, service level agreements monitoring and equipment and topology management, Virtual Private Networks and SIP multi-media PBX. Our full line of residential gateways provides the base platform for consumers to experience the advanced capabilities of the Internet and home networking," he added.

SpeedTouch Wireless 802.11g
The networked home environment is the driving force behind the growth of DSL products and Thomson is addressing the needs for wireless connectivity with a range of new SpeedTouch wireless products. These next generation wireless products have been designed to easily and securely deliver a wide range of value added services such as video, Voice over IP, content filtering and file and printer sharing.

Enabling simple plug-and-play functionality, the range of SpeedTouch gateways all incorporate the SpeedTouch Wireless Home Install Wizard, a set-up tool that configures and secures the SpeedTouch gateway and wireless clients from a single CD. Additionally, the SpeedTouch ICSA certified firewall guarantees users the ultimate level in network security. The FLEXIBundLE architecture enables operators to define and evolve the services offered by the SpeedTouch gateways to create differentiated valued-added service offerings like Video and Voice over IP. The coexistence on the gateway of these services is guaranteed by the integrated Diffserv IP QoS (Quality of service) functionality.

The SpeedTouch 580 is a currently available, four-port ADSL gateway based on the IEEE 802.11g standard. Planned for delivery later this year, the SpeedTouch 585 adds IEEE 802.11a for video distribution in the home, while the SpeedTouch 586 offers Voice Over IP capability. The two new gateways are also compatible with ADSL2 and ADSL2+ standards.

Complementing the residential gateway line up is a range of accessories including:
SpeedTouch 110g - wireless PC card for use with a laptop
SpeedTouch 120g - wireless USB adapter for a desktop or laptop computer
SpeedTouch 180 - wireless access point

SpeedTouch 620 - Business DSL Gateway
Designed for teleworkers and small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs), the SpeedTouch 620 gateway
provides a secure end-to-end VPN solution for integrating remote workers and branch offices into
the corporate LAN. This router affords operators with new revenue opportunities from a series of
value-added Network Management services including service level agreements monitoring that
automatically identifies and locates network problems, generates web reports that show compliancy
to the agreed SLA's. It also supports remote packet tracing. In another value-added service offering,
the equipment and topology management provides a graphical display of the customers' network
topology and devices including alarm status, logs, counters and graphs. It also enables software and
configuration upgrades and backups. Virtual Private Networks, using the ICSA-certified IPsec
technology, allows the cost-efficient connection of a branch office to the head office and provides
optimized support for MPLS networks. The integrated SIP multi-media PBX offers an IP phone
solution for small offices.

The first business DSL gateway that is compatible with ADSL2+ standards, the SpeedTouch 620 is
also compliant with ADSL, ADSL2 and Re-ADSL standards. The SpeedTouch 620 also exists in
SHDSL/SHDSL.bis, VDSL/VDSL.bis and fiber Ethernet variants. The full-featured router has a
built-in access point based on wireless 802.11a/b/g standards with guest hot spot functionality, an
integrated ISDN So interface for ISDN backup and a USB2.0 master port for printer and file sharing
capabilities. A CardBus plug-in slot accepts both PC cards and CardBus cards for updates and
accommodates IPSec hardware acceleration, V.92 and GPRS back-up.

The secure remote management system offers a variety of security options including separate PVC
for remote management and authentication/encryption using IPSec, remote management over dial-up
ISDN line using CLIP and CLIR protection, firewall rules that limit remote management to pre-
defined remote IP addresses, ICSA-certified packet inspection firewall which opens holes through
the firewall only as long as needed (DNS and SNTP requests), protected web access using SSL
(HTTPS), Telnet and CLI protected access using SSH and multi-level password protection for web,
CLI and FTP.

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media and entertainment companies. By capitalizing on and expanding its leadership positions at the intersection of
entertainment, media and technology, Thomson provides end-to-end solutions to content creators, video network
operators, manufacturers and retailers through its Technicolor, Grass Valley, THOMSON and RCA brands. For more
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Thomson's Broadband Access Products activity, part of Thomson's Video Network Solutions division, is a leading
supplier of digital entertainment receivers to the world's major satellite, cable and terrestrial broadcasters. It is also one of
the leading suppliers of high-speed modems, IP set-top boxes, and telephones to telephone companies around the globe.
Products are marketed under several brands including RCA, Thomson, and SpeedTouch.

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