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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of March 2006

Commission File Number: 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 office)

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Yes

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The information contained in Exhibit 99.1 of this Form 6-K (excluding those sections under the headings "Report on Executive Compensation," "Composition of the Human Resources Committee," "Performance Graph" and "Statement of Corporate Governance Practices") is incorporated by reference into, or as an additional exhibit to, as applicable, the following Registration Statements of the registrant: Form F-9 (File No. 333-128045); Form F-3 (File No. 333-97203); Form S-8 (File No. 333-12284); Form S-8 (File No. 333-105280); and Form S-8 (File No. 333-126782).

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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

By: /s/ DEIRDRE STANLEY

Name: Deirdre Stanley
Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: March 29, 2006

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