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MDC Further Enhances Functionality of IP Management Software, IPMaster

Philadelphia, PA USA-London UK-Southfield, MI December 5, 2005—Today, the Thomson Scientific market group of Thomson, announced that MDC, also known as Master Data Center (www.mdcip.com), successfully launched *IPMaster 1.7.2*, the latest version of its state-of-the-art intellectual property software. MDC is the industry's leading provider of IP management software and patent annuity and trademark renewal payment services. *IPMaster* is the flagship MDC software product for managing intellectual property. *IPMaster* allows users to query, browse, review, edit, print and enter IP data from anywhere with Internet access. Users can also take advantage of a variety of administrative functions such as automatic rules updates, expense uploads, and annuity extracts.

“In an effort to offer the most efficient and reliable software product, we further enhanced our software by providing additional features and capabilities”, said Phil Henderson, vice president and chief information officer, MDC. “The focus of this upgrade was to increase stability of the software and to simplify its overall functionality.” The new version of *IPMaster* includes NT authentication, which will increase security by requiring users to verify their credentials in the Web Access Module. *IPMaster 1.7.2* allows external files to be added to the Web Access Module for access by all users. Furthermore, enhanced print screen functionality has been added for all

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modules and rules wizard functionality was improved by providing additional navigation buttons and calculation options.

“In an increasingly competitive market place, MDC continuously strives to provide IP management software that meets our customers’ needs,” said Alex Butler, vice president of sales, MDC. “*IPMaster* 1.7.2 provides additional features that will enable customers to process IP data more effectively and efficiently, particularly for organizations managing IP operations for separate locations.”

MDC, in addition to its software, also provides patent annuity payment and trademark renewal management services. For more information on *IPMaster* and MDC services, please visit www.mdcip.com or contact us at mdc.sales@thomson.com or +1.248.936.3737.

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MDC (www.mdcip.com) has served the IP community for over 30 years, providing the highest-quality IP management services including patent payments, trademark renewals, and the industry's leading IP management software. MDC services over 900 corporations and law firms, including many Fortune 500 and Global 500 companies and IP 300 and AM Law 100 law firms. MDC was acquired by Thomson Scientific in 2004.

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