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IMAP Secures High Honors in Worldwide Ranking of International M&A Advisors

Thomson Financial releases global rankings, listing IMAP #7 in the world for deals under \$50 million.

Des Moines, Iowa (August 8, 2007) – The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) has once again been named one of the world’s leading M&A advisors in the recently-released Thomson Financial League tables. Thomson (NYSE: TOC) is a leading provider of information-based services to the global business community.

Figures for the first half of 2007 show IMAP ranked in seventh place for worldwide deals with a value of up to \$50 million (based on the volume of transactions). IMAP was listed 8th worldwide for deals of up to \$100 million and listed as #10 for deals of up to \$200 million while at #14 for those with a value of up to \$500 million. In Europe, IMAP is ranked sixth for deals up to US \$200 million.

“These latest figures confirm that IMAP continues to be a major player in the global deals market, alongside the most important accountancy firms and investment banks in the world. We are obviously very pleased with these rankings,” commented Karl Fesenmeyer, IMAP president.

IMAP combines the advantages of local market knowledge with powerful global reach. “Our customers truly rely on the fact,” said Fesenmeyer, “that through IMAP we can offer seamless international organization critical to connecting buyers and sellers competing in global markets. IMAP enables us to access strategic buyers, merger candidates and financial resources from around the world for our clients in a way no other company can.”

About IMAP: The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) is an exclusive global organization of leading Merger & Acquisition Advisory firms. Formed in 1973, IMAP is comprised of 62 firms with 101 offices in 34 countries including North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Australia, and Asia. IMAP advisors completed 218 transactions in 2006 with an aggregate transaction value of \$6.3 billion.

IMAP advisors provide strategic merger, acquisition, divestiture and related corporate finance services. Sellers of mid-size companies and corporate acquirers alike rely upon IMAP for essential local market knowledge and industry expertise delivered with unparalleled global reach.

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