

## *News Release*

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### **Thomson Elite signs up over 30 law firms worldwide to its new 3E solution**

*New clients include top firms in the UK such as Allen & Overy and Nabarro Nathanson*

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**LONDON, 12 February 2007** – More than 30 law firms across the globe have adopted Elite<sup>®</sup> 3E as their next-generation financial and practice management software, with 12 firms signing up within the past three months across the UK, CEMEA and Asia-Pacific. Thomson Elite is part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC) and a worldwide provider of integrated practice and financial management systems for professional services firms.

“3E’s sophisticated capabilities and flexible platform are rapidly setting a new standard in advanced technology which will allow firms to improve their efficiency and competitiveness,” said Jitendra Valera, Vice President International at Thomson Elite.

“Our newly expanded team, which has almost doubled in the past year, has contributed greatly to the rate at which leading firms worldwide are adopting Thomson Elite’s latest solution, and will continue to ensure we deliver successfully to all our new clients.”

Firms which have signed up to Thomson Elite’s 3E service in the International region include Allen & Overy, Nabarro Nathanson, Semple Fraser, Ozannes, Edward Nathan Sonnenberg, TressCox, Amarchand & Mangaldas and Johnson Stokes & Master.

Magic circle firm Allen & Overy, which has approximately 5,000 staff, including some 450 partners working in 24 major centres worldwide, recently chose Thomson Elite to revamp its practice and financial management systems in the UK.

Group Finance Director Ian Dinwiddie said: “We chose Thomson Elite’s 3E solution because it offered us the most technologically advanced business process platform to move forward

with. It will allow Allen & Overy to transform our business processes to achieve key strategic objectives and to improve overall efficiency and profitability.”

Nabarro Nathanson, one of the UK’s Top 30 law firms with more than 450 fee-earners, has also made the move to Elite 3E. Charles Furness-Smith, Financial Controller at Nabarro Nathanson, said: “This is a very impressive product with remarkable functionality and I am confident that it has the flexibility to enable us to satisfy the ever-changing and demanding requirements of our current and prospective clients. It is fully integrated and easily manageable with powerful financial and practice management features. In our opinion its value for money puts it ahead of other providers.”

Semple Fraser, a leading commercial law firm based in Scotland with over 90 fee-earners and 24 partners, recently selected Elite 3E following an intensive review process.

“Although there were many features of the Elite 3E system which impressed us, it was the combination of functionality, configurability and ease of development, presented in a single integrated solution, which ultimately led us to select 3E,” explained Alister Fraser, Managing Partner at Semple Fraser.

“The new system will undoubtedly free up fee-earners’ time for more pressing and fee-generating tasks and will allow us to make a significant reduction in our work-in-progress and debtor days, which will mean increased profits. Furthermore, improved management information on clients, pricing, conversion, margins and leverage will be invaluable in aiding decision making.”

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#### **About Elite 3E**

Launched in April 2006, Elite 3E is an advanced browser-based business optimisation platform that offers powerful core financial and practice management features, including built-in collaboration, automation and a rapid application development environment (Software Factory) in one integrated high-performance system. Elite 3E uniquely empowers law firms to create the processes they want and need as opposed to requiring firms to follow rigid, preset processes.

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