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**INFORMATION HOLDINGS REPORTS RESULTS FOR
SECOND QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

STAMFORD, CT, July 22, 2004 Information Holdings Inc. (NYSE: IHI) today announced results for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. Earnings per diluted common share (EPS) from continuing operations were \$0.10 in the second quarter of 2004 compared to \$0.07 in the second quarter of 2003. EPS in the second quarter of 2004 includes charges equal to approximately \$0.02 per share for costs associated with the recently announced merger with The Thomson Corporation (Thomson). Including discontinued operations, EPS was \$0.04 in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$1.45 in the second quarter of 2003. During the second quarter of 2004, the Company recorded charges in discontinued operations equal to approximately \$0.06 per share, primarily related to remaining real estate lease obligations following the disposition of Transcender. EPS from discontinued operations of \$1.39 resulted primarily from a gain on the disposition of the assets of CRC Press in the second quarter of 2003.

Second Quarter Results

Revenues in the second quarter of 2004 increased 16.8% to \$23.1 million from \$19.8 million in the second quarter of 2003. Revenues in the Company's data segment (MicroPatent, Master Data Center and IDRAC) increased 11.4% to \$16.0 million, based on continued strength in the Company's patent information subscription products, patent and trademark management services and regulatory database subscriptions. Software segment revenues increased 31.5% to \$7.0 million due to revenues associated with CDC Solutions, which was acquired in December 2003. Overall software revenues were below expected levels due to delayed license deals. A significant number of transactions expected to be closed in the second quarter of 2004 remain in the sales pipeline for completion in the second half of 2004.

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Gross profit margin for the second quarter of 2004 was 70.0%, compared to 67.7% in the comparable prior year period. The increase is due primarily to higher gross margins in the software segment, based on increased revenues, cost reduction initiatives and the integration of the Company's Liquent and CDC Solutions units. Income from operations increased \$1.6 million, or 106%, to approximately \$3.2 million compared to \$1.5 million in the second quarter of 2003. Income from operations in the data businesses increased 30% to \$4.6 million, compared to \$3.5 million in the prior year period, due primarily to improved profitability in the Company's intellectual property information and management businesses. Profit improvements reflect the operating leverage associated with increasing revenues in these units. Loss from operations in the Company's software segment decreased to \$0.2 million from \$0.6 million in the comparable prior year quarter. Improved operating results in this segment are due primarily to cost containment initiatives and the integration of Liquent and CDC Solutions. Corporate expenses reduced income from operations by \$1.2 million in the second quarter of 2004 and \$1.4 million in the second quarter of 2003.

The Company evaluates the earnings performance of its segments based primarily on EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization). The Company believes that EBITDA is the most useful measure of business unit earnings because it more closely approximates the cash generating ability of each business compared to income from operations. Income from operations includes charges for depreciation and amortization, the majority of which relate to amortization of intangible assets. The Company generally does not incur capital expenditures to replace intangible assets within existing operations. A reconciliation of EBITDA to income from operations before income taxes is presented after the attached financial statements.

Based primarily on the factors impacting revenue and income from operations discussed above, EBITDA approximated \$5.7 million in the second quarter of 2004, compared to \$4.2 million in the second quarter of 2003. EBITDA in the second quarter of 2004 includes non-operating expenses of \$0.6 million, related to costs associated with the recently announced merger with Thomson. EBITDA in the second quarter of 2004 for the data segment

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approximated \$6.9 million, an increase of 22% from the comparable prior year period. EBITDA in the second quarter of 2004 for the software segment approximated \$0.6 million, compared to breakeven results in the comparable prior year period. Other EBITDA was a loss of \$1.8 million in the second quarter of 2004, compared to a loss of \$1.4 million in the second quarter of 2003, related to corporate operating expenses.

Commenting on the results, Mason Slaine, President & CEO said, "Our second quarter results reflect continued strong revenue and profit growth in our data businesses, while software license sales were lower than expected at Liquent. Subsequent to the initial announcement of a potential sale of the Company, a significant number of transactions were delayed into the second half of the year. We are encouraged by our pipeline of potential second half license sales and the upcoming release of our new InSight Manager products. We are hopeful that operating results will improve in the second half as we progress towards completion of the merger with Thomson."

Information Holdings Inc. will broadcast its second quarter earnings conference call via the Internet on Friday, July 23, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The broadcast can be accessed through the Company's web site www.informationholdings.com.

About Information Holdings Inc.

Information Holdings Inc. is a leading provider of information products and services to intellectual property and life science markets. IHI's data businesses, which include MicroPatent®, Master Data Center and IDRAC, provide a broad array of databases, information products and complementary services for intellectual property and regulatory professionals. IHI's Liquent unit is a leading provider of life science regulatory intelligence and publishing solutions.

The statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are typically statements that are preceded by, followed by or include the words "believes," "plans," "intends," "will," "expects," "anticipates," or similar expressions. Actual results may differ materially from the results predicted, and reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could render them materially different. More information about factors that could potentially affect IHI's financial results is included in IHI's filings with the SEC, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. The forward-looking information in this release reflects management's judgment only on the date of this press release.

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Additional Information About the Merger and Where to Find It

Information Holdings Inc. will file a proxy statement and other documents regarding the proposed merger described in this press release with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on or about July 27, 2004. INFORMATION HOLDINGS INC. STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MERGER. Copies of the proxy statement and other documents filed by Information Holdings Inc. (when they become available) may be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, Information Holdings Inc.'s website at www.informationholdings.com or by directing a request to the Corporate Secretary c/o Information Holdings Inc., 2777 Summer Street, Suite 602, Stamford Connecticut 06905. You may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by Information Holdings Inc. at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.

Information Holdings Inc. and its directors and executive officers will be soliciting proxies from stockholders of Information Holdings Inc. in connection with the proposed merger. Information concerning these participants and their interests in the solicitation will be set forth in the proxy statement regarding the proposed merger when it is filed with the SEC. Information Holdings Inc. stockholders should read the proxy statement and other documents to be filed with the SEC carefully before making a decision concerning the merger.

(Financial Tables Follow)

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Information Holdings Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Unaudited)

| (in thousands, except per share data) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Product | \$ 12,961 | \$ 11,845 | \$ 28,159 | \$ 23,906 |
| Service | 10,119 | 7,910 | 19,521 | 15,506 |
| | 23,080 | 19,755 | 47,680 | 39,412 |
| Cost of sales: | | | | |
| Product | 3,173 | 3,067 | 6,402 | 6,063 |
| Service | 3,755 | 3,320 | 7,037 | 6,692 |
| | 6,928 | 6,387 | 13,439 | 12,755 |
| Gross profit | 16,152 | 13,368 | 34,241 | 26,657 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 9,983 | 9,183 | 21,023 | 18,040 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,000 | 2,645 | 6,037 | 5,354 |
| | 12,983 | 11,828 | 27,060 | 23,394 |
| Income from operations | 3,169 | 1,540 | 7,181 | 3,263 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest income, net | 735 | 676 | 1,575 | 808 |
| Costs associated with pending merger | (590) | | (590) | |
| Early termination of credit agreement | | | | (575) |
| | 15 | | 318 | |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 3,329 | 2,216 | 8,484 | 3,496 |
| Provision for income taxes | 1,152 | 833 | 2,971 | 1,230 |
| Income from continuing operations | 2,177 | 1,383 | 5,513 | 2,266 |
| (Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes | (1,256) | 29,389 | (1,361) | 29,600 |
| Net income | \$ 921 | \$ 30,772 | \$ 4,152 | \$ 31,866 |
| Net income (loss) per basic common share: | | | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.10 | \$ 0.07 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.11 |
| Discontinued operations | (0.06) | 1.39 | (0.07) | 1.39 |

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| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| Net income | 0.04 | \$ 1.45 | 0.20 | \$ 1.50 |
| Net income (loss) per diluted common share: | | | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.10 | \$ 0.07 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.11 |
| Discontinued operations | (0.06) | 1.39 | (0.06) | 1.39 |
| Net income | \$ 0.04 | \$ 1.45 | \$ 0.20 | \$ 1.49 |

Information Holdings Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands)

| | June 30, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 41,765 | \$ 39,693 |
| Short-term investments | 8,875 | 12,271 |
| Restricted cash | | 3,000 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 39,434 | 37,650 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 3,699 | 5,669 |
| Income tax receivable | 1,638 | 11,899 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,001 | 2,001 |
| | 97,412 | 112,183 |
| Total current assets | | |
| Investments | 97,219 | 83,207 |
| Property and equipment, net | 3,864 | 4,281 |
| Identified intangible assets, net | 67,078 | 70,248 |
| Goodwill | 99,431 | 100,871 |
| Other assets | 5,150 | 3,880 |
| | 370,154 | 374,670 |
| Total assets | | |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 32,154 | \$ 32,073 |
| Accrued expenses | 12,746 | 18,124 |
| Deferred revenue | 24,546 | 25,753 |
| | 69,446 | 75,950 |
| Total current liabilities | | |
| Long-term deferred income taxes | 14,957 | 16,307 |
| | 84,403 | 92,257 |
| Total liabilities | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock | \$ | \$ |
| Common stock | 219 | 219 |
| Additional paid in capital | 248,844 | 247,964 |
| Retained earnings | 42,456 | 38,304 |
| Treasury stock | (14,723) | (14,723) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 8,955 | 10,649 |
| | 285,751 | 282,413 |
| Total stockholders' equity | | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 370,154 | \$ 374,670 |

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Reconciliation of Segment Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes to EBITDA

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Data Segment | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | \$ 4,644 | \$ 3,581 | \$ 9,177 | \$ 7,094 |
| Amortization of capitalized software | | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Depreciation | 731 | 674 | 1,463 | 1,343 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 1,542 | 1,416 | 3,097 | 2,833 |
| Interest income, net | (48) | (66) | (90) | (119) |
| EBITDA | 6,869 | 5,609 | 13,648 | 11,160 |
| Software Segment | | | | |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes | (233) | (552) | 1,041 | (849) |
| Amortization of capitalized software | 75 | 45 | 149 | 76 |
| Depreciation | 253 | 263 | 509 | 582 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 471 | 283 | 959 | 567 |
| Interest (income) expense, net | (1) | 3 | (6) | 7 |
| EBITDA | 565 | 42 | 2,652 | 383 |
| Other | | | | |
| Loss from continuing operations before income taxes | (1,082) | (813) | (1,734) | (2,749) |
| Depreciation | 3 | 9 | 9 | 29 |
| Interest income, net | (686) | (613) | (1,479) | (696) |
| EBITDA | (1,765) | (1,417) | (3,204) | (3,416) |
| Consolidated | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 3,329 | 2,216 | 8,484 | 3,496 |
| Amortization of capitalized software | 75 | 49 | 150 | 85 |
| Depreciation | 987 | 946 | 1,981 | 1,954 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 2,013 | 1,699 | 4,056 | 3,400 |
| Interest income, net | (735) | (676) | (1,575) | (808) |
| EBITDA | \$ 5,669 | \$ 4,234 | \$ 13,096 | \$ 8,127 |

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