



SearchMedia Receives Filing Extensions for Form 10-K and Form 10-Q

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SHANGHAI, CHINA -- (Marketwire) -- 10/22/10 -- SearchMedia Holdings Limited ("SearchMedia" or the "Company") (NYSE Amex: IDI) (NYSE Amex: IDI.WS), one of China's leading nationwide multi-platform media companies, today announced that it has received approval from the NYSE AMEX LLC (the "Exchange") for an extension to file its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 from October 15, 2010 to October 29, 2010 and its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 from November 15, 2010 to December 15, 2010. The request for additional time was prompted by the Company's previously announced intention to restate SearchMedia International Limited's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, and the additional documentation that the Company needs to provide related to the restatement. SearchMedia will include the 2008 restated financial statements in its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

SearchMedia is nearing completion of its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and intends to file on or prior to the October 29, 2010 deadline. The Company also intends to file its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 by the December 15, 2010 deadline. Following the filing of the Form 10-K and the Form 10-Q, the Company believes that it will be in compliance with Exchange listing requirements.

About SearchMedia

SearchMedia is a leading nationwide multi-platform media company and one of the largest operators of integrated outdoor billboard and in-elevator advertising networks in China. SearchMedia currently operates a network of over 1,500 high-impact billboards with over 500,000 square feet of surface display area and one of China's largest networks of in-elevator advertisement panels consisting of approximately 125,000 frames in 50 cities throughout China. Additionally, SearchMedia operates a network of large-format light boxes in concourses of eleven major subway lines in Shanghai. SearchMedia's core outdoor billboard and in-elevator platforms are complemented by its subway advertising platform, which together enable it to provide a multi-platform, "one-stop shop" services for its local, national and international advertising clients.

Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements contained in this press release that do not describe historical facts, including statements about SearchMedia's beliefs and expectations, may constitute forward-looking statements as that term is defined by the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "will," "expect," "anticipate," "future," "intend," "plan," "believe," "estimate," "confident" and similar statements. Any forward-looking statements contained herein are based on current expectations, but are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: whether we will meet the current or future filing deadline for the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 or Form 10-Q for the 2010 first quarter; that the failure to file our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the 2010 first quarter within the extended filing time may result in the delisting of our securities from quotation on the Exchange or a suspension in the trading of our common stock which would materially limit the liquidity or tradability of our common stock; that even if we file our Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2009 or Quarterly Report for the 2010 first quarter within the required extended time period, we may be in violation of other Exchange listing standards; and the risks that there are uncertainties and matters beyond the control of management, and other risks outlined in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. SearchMedia cautions readers not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. SearchMedia does not undertake or accept any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

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