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Motient and Rare Medium have filed a joint proxy statement/prospectus and will be filing other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction with the SEC. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors are able to obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). In addition, documents filed with the SEC by Motient or Rare Medium with respect to the proposed transaction may be obtained free of charge by contacting Rare Medium Group, Inc., 565 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attention: Investor Relations (tel.: 212-883-6940) or Motient Corporation, 10802 Parkridge Blvd, Reston, VA, 20191. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION.

Motient and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Motient stockholders. The directors and executive officers of Motient include: Gary Parsons, Walter Purnell, Jack Shaw, Billy Parrot, Andrew Quartner, Jonelle St. John, W. Bartlett Snell, David H. Engvall, and Dennis Matheson. Collectively, as of June 25, 2001, the directors and executive officers of Motient beneficially owned approximately 2.65% of the outstanding shares of the company's common stock. Stockholders may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants in the proposed merger by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

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MOTIENT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES REVERSE STOCK SPLIT COINCIDENTAL WITH THE CLOSING OF THE RARE MEDIUM MERGER

Proposal before shareholders as part of upcoming vote on Rare Medium merger

RESTON, VA. - August 15, 2001 -- Motient Corporation (NASDAQ:MTNT) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved a 1-for-10 reverse split of the Company's outstanding common stock, subject to shareholder approval. The reverse split will be implemented coincident with the Rare Medium merger and is intended to also enable the Company to meet NASDAQ listing requirements and increase its marketability to investors.

"The reverse share split is part of a series of actions, including the Rare Medium merger, which we are taking to improve our balance sheet and put the company on an improved financial footing going forward," stated Walter V. Purnell, Jr., president and CEO of Motient. Purnell added, "Given the recent pressure on our share price and in the best interest of our shareholders, we felt that a reverse share split was prudent to help improve the liquidity and marketability of Motient."

The reverse stock split will be voted on by shareholders at the special shareholder's meeting on the Rare Medium merger, which is expected to be scheduled for late September.

Upon the effectiveness of the reverse stock split, 10 shares of common stock will be converted and reclassified as one share of post-split common stock, and each existing stock certificate will represent one-tenth the number of shares shown thereon. Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional shares.

Motient also commented that a reverse stock split will not have an impact on the value of its pending acquisition of Rare Medium; however, upon the effectiveness of a reverse stock split, the terms of Motient's Series A preferred stock to be issued in the merger would be equitably adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split.

About Motient Corporation

Motient (www.motient.com) owns and operates an integrated terrestrial/satellite network and provides a wide range of two-way mobile and Internet communications services principally to business-to-business customers and enterprises. The company provides eLinkSM and BlackBerryTM by Motient two-way wireless email service to customers accessing email through corporate servers, Internet Service Provider (ISP) and Mail Service Provider (MSP) accounts, and paging network suppliers. Motient serves a variety of markets including mobile professionals, telemetry, transportation, field service, and nationwide voice dispatch offering coverage to all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and thousands of miles of U. S. coastal waters.

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