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**KINGSWAY SUBSIDIARIES RECOGNIZED FOR STRONG UNDERWRITING PERFORMANCE**

**Toronto, Ontario (June 1, 1999)** – *Canadian Insurance Magazine* recently recognized the strong underwriting performance of the Canadian subsidiaries of Kingsway Financial Services Inc. (“Kingsway”). All three of Kingway’s Canadian operating subsidiaries ranked among the top ten producers of underwriting profit in Canada in 1998. Jevco Insurance Company was positioned third with an underwriting profit of \$8.43 million, York Fire & Casualty ranked sixth with an underwriting profit of \$7.01 million, and Kingsway General ranked ninth with an underwriting profit of \$5.3 million. Collectively, the \$20.75 million positioned Kingsway in second place in this category.

“We are extremely pleased to be recognized for our underwriting excellence,” said Bill Star, President & Chief Executive Officer. “This is testament to the success of our underwriting discipline in all market conditions,” he continued. “We were further encouraged to learn recently that a major U.S. competitor in the non-standard automobile market has decided to withdraw from both Ontario and Alberta, which are very important markets for Kingsway.”

**About the Company**

Kingsway’s primary business is the insuring of automobiles for drivers who do not meet the criteria for coverage by standard automobile insurers. The Company currently operates through eight wholly owned insurance subsidiaries in Canada and the United States.

Canadian subsidiaries include Kingsway General Insurance Company, York Fire & Casualty Insurance Company and Jevco Insurance Company. U.S. subsidiaries include Universal Casualty Company, American Service Insurance Company, Southern United Fire Insurance Company, Walshire Assurance Company, and Hamilton Investments, Inc. Kingsway General, York Fire and Lincoln General are all rated “A” Excellent by A.M. Best. The common shares of Kingsway Financial Services Inc. are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, under the trading symbol “KFS”.

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