



## **KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. ANNOUNCES NORMAL COURSE ISSUER BID**

**Toronto, Ontario, November 3, 2005** - Kingsway Financial Services Inc. ("**Kingsway**") (TSE:KFS, NYSE:KFS) announced today that The Toronto Stock Exchange (the "**Exchange**") has accepted a notice filed by Kingsway of its intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid (the "**Bid**").

The notice provides that Kingsway may, during the 12 month period commencing November 8, 2005 and ending November 7, 2006, purchase on the Exchange up to 2,823,000 common shares, being less than five percent (5%) of the total number of common shares outstanding. As at October 26, 2005, 56,475,121 common shares were issued and outstanding. The price which Kingsway will pay for any such shares will be the market price at the time of acquisition. The actual number of common shares which may be purchased pursuant to the Bid and the timing of any such purchases will be determined by management of Kingsway. All common shares purchased pursuant to the Bid will be cancelled.

Kingsway believes that its common shares have been trading in a price range which does not adequately reflect the value of such shares in relation to the business of Kingsway and its future business prospects. As a result, depending upon future price movements and other factors, Kingsway believes that its outstanding common shares may represent an attractive investment to Kingsway. Furthermore, the purchases are expected to benefit all persons who continue to hold common shares by increasing their equity interest in Kingsway.

### **About the Company**

Kingsway Financial Services Inc. is the largest truck insurer in North America and the sixth largest non-standard automobile insurer in North America according to A.M.Best. Kingsway's primary business is trucking insurance and the insuring of automobile risks for drivers who do not meet the criteria for coverage by standard automobile insurers. The Company currently operates through eleven wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries in Canada and the U.S.. 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, Lincoln General Insurance Company, U.S. Security Insurance Company, American Country Insurance Company, Zephyr Insurance Company and Avalon Risk Management, Inc. The Company also operates reinsurance subsidiaries in Barbados and Bermuda. Lincoln General Insurance Company, Universal Casualty Insurance Company, Jevco Insurance Company and Kingsway Reinsurance (Bermuda) are all rated "A-" Excellent by A.M. Best. Kingsway General, York Fire and American Service are rated "B++" (very good). The Company's senior debt is rated investment grade "BBB-"(stable) by Standard and Poor's and "BBB" (stable) by Dominion Bond Rating Services. The common shares of Kingsway Financial Services Inc. are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange, under the trading symbol "KFS".

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