# KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

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# U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

#### FORM 6-K

# REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of February, 2006.

#### KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

#### **ONTARIO, CANADA**

(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

#### 5310 Explorer Drive, Suite 200, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4W 5H8

(Address of principal executive offices)

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information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:]

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

Dated: February 17, 2006 By: /s/ W. Shaun Jackson

W. Shaun Jackson

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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#### KINGSWAY INCREASES NET INCOME BY 24% FOR THE YEAR AND ITS DIVIDEND BY 25%

**Toronto, Ontario (February 8, 2006)** Kingsway Financial Services Inc. (TSE:KFS, NYSE:KFS) today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2005 (Cdn dollars except where indicated).

#### Q4 2005 Highlights

Diluted earnings per share increased 16% to a Q4 record \$0.74 (19% to U\$0.63)

Income before income taxes increased 16% to \$42.0 million (20% to U\$35.8 million)

Net income increased 16% to \$42.1 million (20% to U\$35.9 million)

Net operating income increased 18% to \$34.6 million (23% to U\$29.5 million)

Combined ratio improved to 97.7% compared to 98.2% in Q4 2004

Underwriting profit increased 21% to \$11.9 million (24% to U\$10.1 million)

Annualized return on equity improved to 18.4%

#### For the Year

Diluted earnings per share increased 23% to \$2.86 (32% to U\$2.37)

Income before income taxes increased 28% to \$186.8 million (37% to U\$154.3)

Net income increased 24% to \$163.1 million (34% to U\$135.0)

Combined ratio improved to 97.2% from 97.8% in 2004

Underwriting profit increased 18% to record \$60.6 million (26% to U\$49.8 million)

Return on equity of 18.8%

Book value per share increased 16% to \$16.57 (20% to U\$14.25)

Fair value of investment portfolio increased 7% to \$60.39 per share (10% to U\$51.93)

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Net income for the quarter increased 16% to \$42.1 million compared to \$36.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2004 and in U.S. dollars increased 20% to U\$35.9 million from U\$29.8 million. Net income for the year increased 24% to a record \$163.1 million (increased 34% to U\$135.0 million), over the \$131.0 million (U\$101.0 million) reported last year.

Return on equity (annualized) was 18.4% in the quarter compared to 18.2% in the fourth quarter of 2004, and was 18.8% for the year compared to 17.4% in 2004. Diluted earnings per share increased 16% to \$0.74 (19% to U\$0.63), compared to \$0.64 (U\$0.53) for the same quarter of 2004. For the year, diluted earnings per share increased by 23% to a record \$2.86 (32% to U\$2.37) over \$2.32 (U\$1.79) last year.

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I am very pleased to again report record earnings. 2005 was an outstanding year in which we delivered record earnings for each quarter and for the year, said Bill Star, President & Chief Executive Officer. Our disciplined underwriting approach has led to an improved combined ratio and record underwriting profits in 2005 on lower premium volume than 2004. During the year we continued to build our book value per share and strengthen our capital position, and as a result I am pleased to announce that the Board has today approved a [25%] increase in our quarterly dividend. Pricing is generally stable and we continue to see growth opportunities in the extremely fragmented U.S. markets. Our diversification in the U.S. and Canada together with our dominant niche market positions provide us with a strong foundation as we enter 2006.

#### **Net Operating Income**

Net operating income for the quarter increased 18% to \$34.6 million (23% to U\$29.5 million) or \$0.61 (U\$0.52) diluted earnings per share compared with \$29.4 million (U\$24.1 million) or \$0.52 (U\$0.43) diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2004. For the year, net operating income increased 18% to \$128.7 million (26% to U\$106.4 million) or \$2.26 (U\$1.87) diluted earnings per share compared with \$109.2 million (U\$84.3 million) or \$1.93 (U\$1.49) for 2004. Net operating income is a non-GAAP measure defined by the Company as net income excluding after-tax net realized gains and losses on investments.

#### **Premiums**

During the fourth quarter, gross premiums written declined 11% to \$515.3 million (7% to U\$439.3 million), compared with \$579.0 million (U\$474.0 million) in the same quarter last year. Gross premiums written were \$2.30 billion (U\$1.89 billion) for 2005, compared to \$2.61 billion (U\$2.00 billion) for 2004. U.S. operations represented 68% of gross premiums written in 2005, compared with 71% last year. Trucking, non-standard automobile and commercial automobile premiums represented 31%, 29% and 12%, respectively, of gross premiums written for the year compared with 29%, 35% and 12%, respectively, last year.

For the quarter gross premiums written from U.S. operations decreased 11% to \$357.5 million (8% to U\$304.8 million) compared with \$403.2 million (U\$330.0 million) last year. For the year, gross premiums written by U.S. operations were \$1.56 billion (U\$1.28 billion) compared to \$1.85 billion (U\$1.42 billion) last year. The decline in premiums written by our U.S. operations compared to the previous year is mainly attributable to competitive pricing in some non-standard automobile markets and the termination of certain programs. Gross premiums written from Canadian operations were \$157.8 million (U\$134.5 million) for the quarter compared to \$175.8 million (U\$144.0 million) last year and for the year were \$740.1 million (U\$609.9 million) compared to \$760.6 million (U\$583.5 million) last year. The decline in gross premiums written by our Canadian operations is mainly attributable to Alberta non-standard automobile where the majority of our premiums are now ceded to the residual market facility.

Net premiums written decreased 7% to \$473.3 million (U\$403.5 million) compared with \$506.4 million (U\$414.6 million) for the same quarter of last year, and were \$2.21 billion (U\$1.82 billion) for the year compared to \$2.27 billion (U\$1.74 billion) for 2004. Premiums ceded to reinsurers represented 8% of gross premiums written (4% for the year) compared to 13% in the same quarter last year (13% for the year). Premiums ceded to reinsurers included \$10.8 million (U\$9.2 million) related to Zephyr Insurance in Hawaii which was acquired in the fourth quarter of 2005.

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Net premiums earned declined 5% to \$522.4 million (1% to U\$445.4 million) for the quarter compared with \$550.9 million (U\$451.3 million) for the same quarter last year. For 2005, net premiums earned were \$2.17 billion (U\$1.79 billion) compared with \$2.31 billion (U\$1.78 billion) in the same period last year. For U.S. operations, net premiums earned decreased 9% to \$356.7 million (U\$304.1 million) compared with \$390.2 million (U\$319.6 million) in the same quarter of 2004. Net premiums earned from Canadian operations increased by 3% to \$165.7 million (U\$141.3 million) compared with \$160.8 million (U\$131.8 million) in the same quarter last year. For the year, net premiums earned from U.S. operations were \$1.47 billion (U\$1.21 billion) compared to \$1.66 billion (U\$1.28 billion) last year, and for the Canadian operations were \$705.5 million (U\$582.5 million) and \$652.4 million (U\$501.9 million), respectively.

#### **Underwriting Profit & Combined Ratio**

The combined ratio was 97.7% (97.2% for the year) resulting in an underwriting profit of \$11.9 million (U\$10.1 million) in the quarter and \$60.6 million (U\$49.8 million) year to date. For the quarter, the U.S. operations combined ratio was 100.1% (95.3% last year). The Canadian operations combined ratio improved to 92.7% (105.4% last year) which produced an underwriting profit of \$12.1 million (loss of \$8.6 million last year). For the year, U.S. operations combined ratio was 97.7% (97.7% last year) which produced an underwriting profit of \$33.5 million (\$37.7 million last year), and for Canadian operations was 96.1% (97.9% last year), with an underwriting profit of \$27.2 million (\$13.6 million last year). For the year, the loss ratio for Canadian operations improved to 68.3% compared to 72.2% last year and for the U.S. operations improved to 68.3% compared to 70.3% last year.

#### **Investment Income**

For the quarter, investment income increased 16% to \$29.2 million (21% to U\$24.9 million) compared with \$25.1 million (U\$20.6 million) for the same quarter of 2004. For the year, investment income increased by 17% to \$112.6 million (25% to U\$93.0 million) compared to \$96.4 million (U\$74.3 million) last year. Net realized gains amounted to \$9.6 million (U\$8.2 million) compared with \$8.5 million (U\$7.0 million) in the same quarter of 2004. Net realized gains after-tax were \$7.4 million (U\$6.4 million) or \$0.13 (U\$0.11) diluted earnings per share compared with \$6.9 million (U\$5.7 million) or \$0.12 (U\$0.10) diluted earnings per share in the same quarter of 2004.

For the year, net realized gains were \$45.9 million (U\$38.2 million) compared with \$26.7 million (U\$20.4 million) last year. On an after-tax basis, net realized gains were \$34.4 million (U\$28.7 million) or \$0.60 (U\$0.50) diluted earnings per share compared with \$21.9 million (U\$16.7 million) or \$0.39 (U\$0.30) diluted earnings per share last year.

Net unrealized gains at December 31, 2005 on the investment portfolio were \$21.2 million (U\$18.2 million) or \$0.37 (U\$0.32) per share outstanding as compared to \$73.7 million (U\$61.3 million) or \$1.31 (U\$1.09) per share outstanding at the end of 2004. Net unrealized gains on the common shares portfolio were \$46.6 million (U\$40.1 million) or \$0.83 (U\$0.71) per share outstanding at December 31, 2005 compared to \$67.6 million (U\$56.3 million) or \$1.20 (U\$1.00) per share outstanding at the end of 2004.

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Duration is a measure used to estimate the extent market values of fixed maturity investments change with changes in interest rates. Using this measure, it is estimated that an immediate hypothetical 100 basis point parallel increase in interest rates would decrease the market value of our fixed maturity investments by \$77.8 million at December 31, 2005, representing 2.8% of the \$2,757.5 million fair value fixed maturity investment portfolio.

#### **Balance Sheet**

Total assets as at December 31, 2005 are \$4.41 billion (U\$3.80 billion) compared to \$4.23 billion (U\$3.52 billion) at the end of 2004. Despite unrealized currency translation adjustment decreasing book value per share by \$0.40 in the year, book value per share increased by 16% since the beginning of the year to \$16.57 (20% to U\$14.25).

The carrying value of the investment portfolio, including cash increased 9% to \$3,389.9 million (13% to U\$2,914.8 million), compared to \$3,104.5 million (U\$2,582.8 million) as at December 31, 2004. At December 31, 2005, 30% of the fixed income portfolio matures in less than one year and 45% matures after one year and in less than five years. The fair value of the investment portfolio including cash represents \$60.39 (U\$51.93) per common share at December 31, 2005.

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Provisions for unpaid claims increased by 6% to \$2,144.8 million (9% to U\$1,844.2 million) compared to \$2,030.4 million (U\$1,689.2 million) at the end of 2004. At December 31, 2005 the provision for unpaid claims comprised case reserves for individual claims amounting to \$1,335.9 million (\$1,218.7 million last year) and a provision for Incurred But Not Reported claims of \$808.9 million (\$811.8 million last year). For each of our insurance subsidiaries the provision for unpaid claims are at least 100% of the point estimate recommended by their independent appointed actuary as at December 31, 2005.

#### **U.S. Dollar Reporting**

As previously announced, the Company will report its results in U.S. dollars commencing with the 2005 Annual Report. Quarterly results will be reported in U.S. dollars commencing with the first quarter of 2006.

#### **Increase in Quarterly Dividend**

The Board of Directors today approved a 25% increase in the payment of the Company s quarterly dividend to an amount of \$0.0625 per share. The first dividend payment at this rate will be made on March 31, 2006 to shareholders of record as at March 15, 2006.

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#### **Further Information**

The discussion and analysis of our results of operation and information in this press release is an update of the information set forth in our 2004 Annual Report. Further information about our financial results and condition can be found in the Company s Annual Report and other filings.

#### **Conference Call**

The Company will have its quarterly conference call today at 5:00pm (EST). The call may be accessed by telephone at **1-800-814-4857**. A live broadcast of the conference call can be accessed at http://www.newswire.ca/en/webcast/viewEvent.cgi?eventID=21172617# or through a link from our website at <a href="https://www.kingsway-financial.com">www.kingsway-financial.com</a>. A rebroadcast of the conference call will also be available and can be accessed through our website.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release includes forward looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. For information identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in the forward looking statements, see Kingsway s securities filings, including its 2004 Annual Report under the heading Risks and Uncertainties in the Management s Discussion and Analysis section. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### **About the Company**

Kingsway Financial Services Inc. is the largest truck insurer in North America and the seventh 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++

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(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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# KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS For the three months and year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 (In thousands of Canadian dollars, except for per share amounts)

	Quarter to Dec 31:				12 Months to Dec 31:			
		2005		2004		2005		2004
				(una	udite	ed)		
Gross premiums written	\$	515,304	\$	578,989	\$	2,297,899	\$	2,610,070
Net premiums written	\$	473,259	\$	506,399	\$	2,214,182	\$	2,265,956
Revenue:								
Net premiums earned	\$	522,439	\$	550,943	\$	2,170,860	\$	2,314,103
Investment income		29,221		25,109		112,563		96,429
Net realized gains		9,601		8,474		45,929		26,658
		561,261		584,526		2,329,352		2,437,190
Expenses:								
Claims incurred		360,226		396,898		1,483,343		1,639,094
Commissions and premium taxes		97,338		98,988		438,760		431,070
General and administrative expenses		52,956		45,229		188,130		192,641
Interest expense		8,288		6,948		31,345		27,494
Amortization of intangibles		474		161		950		690
		519,282		548,224		2,142,528		2,290,989
Income before income taxes		41,979		36,302		186,824		146,201
Income taxes (recovery)		(99)		(42)		23,749		15,196
Net income	\$	42,078	\$	36,344	\$	163,075	\$	131,005
Earnings per share:								
Basic:	\$	0.75	\$	0.65	\$	2.89	\$	2.33
Diluted:	\$	0.74	\$	0.64	\$	2.86	\$	2.32
Weighted average shares outstanding in (000s):								
Basic:		56,476		56,194		56,423		56,124
Diluted:		57,057		56,639		56,963		56,549
Claims ratio		68.9%		72.0%		68.3%		70.8%
Expense ratio		28.8%		26.2%		28.9%		27.0%
Combined ratio		97.7%		98.2%		97.2%		97.8%

	Quarte	er to I	Dec 31:	12 Months to Dec 31:			
Underwriting profit	\$ 11,919	\$	9,828	\$ 60,627	\$	51,298	
Return on equity (annualized)	18.4%		18.2%	18.8%		17.4%	
Book value per share				\$ 16.57	\$	14.25	

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# KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Dec. 31 2005		Dec. 31 2004
	(una	udite	<b>d</b> )
ASSETS			
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 129,133	\$	104,698
Investments	3,260,808		2,999,841
Accrued investment income	29,222		25,297
Accounts receivable and other assets	328,854		395,241
Due from reinsurers and other insurers	259,318		312,996
Deferred policy acquisition costs	173,088		170,576
Income taxes recoverable			12,535
Future income taxes	67,383		57,871
Capital assets	83,280		70,336
Goodwill and intangible assets	82,724		80,919
	\$ 4,413,810	\$	4,230,310
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
LIABILITIES			
Bank indebtedness	\$ 13,685	\$	72,002
Loans payable	77,016		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	150,802		132,635
Fund withheld payable to reinsurer			94,586
Income taxes payable	7,929		
Unearned premium	755,052		762,472
Unpaid claims	2,144,817		2,030,449
Senior unsecured indebtedness	223,375		228,250
Subordinated indebtedness	105,251		108,781
	3,477,927		3,429,175
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	475,498		471,886
Issued and outstanding number of common shares	ŕ		,
56,480,453 December 31, 2005			
56,210,250 December 31, 2004			
Contributed surplus	4,029		2,285
Currency translation adjustment	(156,359)		(133,967)
Retained earnings	612,715		460,931
	935,883		801,135
	\$ 4,413,810	\$	4,230,310

KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF RETAINED EARNINGS For the three months and year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 (In thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Quarter to Dec. 31:				12 months to Dec. 31					
	2005 2004		2005			2004				
	(unaudited)									
Retained earnings, beginning of period Net income for the period Common share dividends	\$	573,461 42,078 (2,824)	\$	424,587 36,344 	\$	460,931 163,075 (11,291)	\$	329,926 131,005 		
Retained earnings, end of period	\$	612,715	\$	460,931	\$	612,715	\$	460,931		

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KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO PRESS RELEASE As at December 31, 2005 and 2004 (In thousands of Canadian dollars)

#### 1. Investments:

	Decembe	er 31, 2	2005
	Carrying Amount  \$ 445,511  498,131 1,839,376 1,500 376,616 99,674  \$ 3,260,808  December  Carrying Amount  \$ 317,853  590,050 1,662,783 324,323		Fair value
Term deposits	\$ 445,511	\$	443,957
Bonds:			
Government	,		497,533
Corporate			1,815,958
Preferred shares	,		1,572
Common shares			423,280
Financed premiums	99,074		99,674
	\$ 3,260,808	\$	3,281,974
	Decembe	er 31, 2	2004
			Fair value
Term deposits	\$ 317,853	\$	317,626
Term deposits Bonds:	\$ 317,853	\$	317,626
	\$ 590,050	\$	592,693
Bonds: Government Corporate	\$ 590,050 1,662,783	\$	592,693 1,666,447
Bonds: Government Corporate Common shares	\$ 590,050 1,662,783 324,323	\$	592,693 1,666,447 391,964
Bonds: Government	\$ 590,050 1,662,783	\$	592,693 1,666,447

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#### KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO PRESS RELEASE For the three months and year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 (In thousands of Canadian dollars)

#### 2. Underwriting Results:

The underwriting results for the Company s operations were as follows:

	Quarter to I	Dec. 31:	12 months to Dec. 31:			
	2005	2004	2005	2004		
Underwriting Profit						
Canada	\$ 12,094	\$ (8,619)	\$ 27,163	\$ 13,575		
U.S	(175)	18,447	33,464	37,723		
Total	\$ 11,919	\$ 9,828	\$ 60,627	\$ 51,298		
Combined Ratio						
Canada	92.7%	105.4%	96.1%	97.9%		
U.S	100.1%	95.3%	97.7%	97.7%		
Total	97.7%	98.2%	97.2%	97.8%		
Expense Ratio						
Canada	30.1%	27.8%	27.8%	25.7%		
U.S	28.2%	25.5%	29.4%	27.4%		
Total	28.8%	26.2%	28.9%	27.0%		
Loss Ratio						
Canada	62.6%	77.6%	68.3%	72.2%		
U.S	71.9%	69.8%	68.3%	70.3%		
Total	68.9%	72.0%	68.3%	70.8%		
Favourable (Unfavourable) change in estimated unpaid claims for						
prior accident years (note 1): Canada	\$ 2,954	\$ (20,235)	\$ (2,811)	\$ (39,252)		
U.S	(25,579)	(8,038)	(26,191)	(28,530)		
Total	\$ (22,625)	\$ (28,273)	\$ (29,002)	\$ (67,782)		
As a % of net premiums earned (note 2):						
Canada	(1.8%)	12.6%	0.4%	6.0%		
U.S	7.2%	2.1%	1.8%	1.7%		
Total	4.3%	5.1%	1.3%	2.9%		

12 months to Dec. 31:

As a % of unpaid claims (note 3):

Canada
U.S

0.4%
2.1%
2.5%

Total

Quarter to Dec. 31:

- Note 1 (Increase) decrease in estimates for unpaid claims from prior accident years reflected in current financial year results.
- Note 2 Increase (decrease) in current financial year reported combined ratio.
- Note 3 Increase (decrease) compared to estimated unpaid claims at the end of the preceding fiscal year.

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#### 3. Financial Strength:

Some of the key indicators of the Company s financial strength are as follows:

	December 31, 2005	December 31, 2004
Rolling four quarter calculations:		
Net Premiums Written to Estimated Statutory Surplus Ratio	2.0x	2.2x
Interest Coverage Ratio	7.2x	6.7x
Total Bank and Senior Debt to Capitalization Ratio	23.5%	25.1%

#### 4. Summary of Quarterly Results in U.S. dollars over the previous five quarters

The selected financial information disclosed below has been translated using the Bank of Canada monthly average exchange rate for the income statement and the month end rate for the balance sheet. Readers should be cautioned as to the limited usefulness of the selected financial information presented below.

		2005				
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	
Gross premiums written	\$ 439,267	\$ 452,341	\$ 478,446	\$ 524,606	\$ 473,951	
Net premiums earned	445,372	461,446	469,300	415,825	451,332	
Total revenue	478,502	495,557	497,305	451,853	478,843	
Net realized gains (after tax)	6,358	8,011	3,188	11,094	5,748	
Underwriting profit	10,102	10,023	14,296	15,369	8,122	
Net income	35,901	31,339	29,647	38,121	29,828	
Book value per share	\$ 14.25	\$ 13.65	\$ 12.93	\$ 12.47	\$ 11.86	

			2005			2004
Earnings per share Basic Diluted	\$ 0.64 0.63	\$ 0.55 0.55	\$	0.52 0.52	\$ 0.68 0.67	\$ 0.53 0.53

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#### KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASHFLOWS For the three months and year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 (In thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Quarter	to Dec. 31:	12 month	s to Dec. 31:	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	
	(una	nudited)			
Cash provided by (used in):					
Operating activities:					
Net income	\$ 42,078	\$ 36,344	\$ 163,075	\$ 131,005	
Items not affecting cash:					
Amortization	1,992	2,171	9,317	10,377	
Future income taxes	(2,695)	(8,886)	(8,153)	10,508	
Net realized gains	(9,601)	(8,474)	(45,929)	(26,658)	
Amortization of bond premiums & discounts	1,473	4,531	13,227	25,965	
	33,247	25,686	131,537	151,197	
Net change in other non-cash balances:	7,355	111,668	170,294	353,966	
	40,602	137,354	301,831	505,163	
Financing activities:					
Increase of share capital	619	276	3,612	3,218	
Common share dividends	(2,824)		(11,291)		
Increase (decrease) in bank indebtedness					
and loans payable	7,483	(738)	21,731	(82,808)	
Increase in senior unsecured indebtedness				163,284	
	5,278	(462)	14,052	83,694	
Investing activities:					
Purchase of investments	(911,370)	(663,831)	(3,130,950)	(3,145,974)	
Proceeds from sale of investments	906,702	542,743	2,844,058	2,559,877	
Financed premiums receivable, net	6,452	(15,838)	4,365	(22,283)	
Purchase of subsidiaries, net of cash					
acquired	14,004		14,004		
Net change to capital assets	(13,149)	(4,299)	(22,925)	(16,662)	
	2,639	(141,225)	(291,448)	(625,042)	
Increase (decrease) in cash during period	48,519	(4,333)	24,435	(36,185)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	80,614	109,031	104,698	140,883	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 129,133	\$ 104,698	\$ 129,133	\$ 104,698	

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#### KINGSWAY ENTERS INTO \$150 MILLION CREDIT FACILITY

**Toronto, Ontario (February 16, 2006)** (TSX:KFS, NYSE:KFS) Kingsway Financial Services Inc. today announced that it has entered into a new Cdn \$150 million 364 day revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks. This credit facility replaces the existing Cdn \$150 million 364 day revolving credit facility which matures on March 3, 2006. In the new facility, The Bank of Nova Scotia is acting as Administrative Agent, Co-Lead Arranger and Book Runner and LaSalle Bank National Association is acting as Syndicated Agent and Co-Lead Arranger.

#### **About the Company**

Kingsway Financial Services Inc. is the largest truck insurer in North America and the seventh 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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