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A.M. Best Takes Various Rating Actions on Kingsway and Its Subsidiaries; **Assigns Stable Outlook to Some**

Ratings Supplement

The ICR of "bbb-" has been affirmed for **Kingsway Financial Services Inc.**, and the rating has been removed from under review and assigned a stable outlook.

The FSR has been upgraded to A- (Excellent) from B++ (Very Good) for American Service Insurance Company, Inc., and the rating has been removed from under review and assigned a stable outlook.

The FSR has been upgraded to A- (Excellent) from B+ (Very Good) for **Southern** United Fire Insurance Company, and the rating has been removed from under review and assigned a stable outlook.

The FSR has been upgraded to B+ (Very Good) from B (Fair) for U.S. Security **Insurance Company, Inc.**, and the rating has been removed from under review and assigned a stable outlook.

The FSRs of A- (Excellent) have been affirmed for Lincoln General Insurance Company and Universal Casualty Company, and the ratings have been removed from under review and assigned stable outlooks.

The FSRs of B++ (Very Good) have been affirmed for **Kingsway General Insurance** Company and York Fire & Casualty Company, and the ratings have been removed from



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under review and assigned stable outlooks.

The FSRs of A- (Excellent) have been affirmed for **JEVCO Insurance Company** and **Kingsway Reinsurance (Bermuda) Ltd.**, and the ratings have been removed from under review and assigned negative outlooks.

The FSR of B+ (Very Good) has been affirmed for **American Country Insurance Company**, and the rating has been removed from under review and assigned a negative outlook

A FSR of A- (Excellent) and an ICR of "a-" have been assigned with a stable outlook to **Kingsway Reinsurance Corporation**.

The ICRs of "a-" have been assigned with a stable outlook to the following operating companies of Kingsway Financial Services Inc.:

- American Service Insurance Company, Inc.
- Southern United Fire Insurance Company
- Lincoln General Insurance Company
- Universal Casualty Company

The ICRs of "a-" have been assigned with a negative outlook to the following operating companies of Kingsway Financial Services Inc.:

- **JEVCO Insurance Company**
- Kingsway Reinsurance (Bermuda) Ltd.

An ICR of "bbb-" has been assigned with a stable outlook to **U.S. Security Insurance**Company, Inc.

An ICR of "bbb-" has been assigned with a negative outlook to **American Country Insurance Company**.

The ICRs of "bbb" have been assigned with a stable outlook to the following operating companies of Kingsway Financial Services Inc.:



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- Kingsway General Insurance Company
- York Fire & Casualty Company

An ICR of "bbb-" has been assigned with a stable outlook to **Kingsway America Inc.**

The following debt rating has been affirmed, removed from under review and assigned a stable outlook:

Kingsway Financial Services Inc.—

-- "bbb-" on CAD 78 million, 8.25% senior unsecured debentures due 2007

The following debt ratings have been assigned with stable outlooks:

Kingsway America Inc.—

- -- "bbb-" on USD 125 million 7.5% senior notes due 2014
- -- "bbb-" on USD 74.1 million 7.12% senior notes due 2015

(The senior debt of Kingsway America Inc. is guaranteed by Kingsway Financial Services Inc.)

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