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Quotesmith.com, Inc. Reports Third-Quarter 2005 Financial Results

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- Revenues decrease 13 percent to \$4.1 million vs. \$4.7 million for Q3 2004
- Year to date net loss of \$656,000 vs. \$1.7 million in 2004

DARIEN, Illinois(October 26, 2005) – Quotesmith.com, Inc., (Nasdaq SmallCap: QUOT; www.insure.com), the only place on earth where you can get instant life, auto, health and home insurance quotes from over 200 companies and have the freedom to buy from the company of your choice, today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2005.

Financial Results

Quotesmith.com reported revenues of \$4.1 million in the third quarter of 2005, a decrease of 13 percent from revenues of \$4.7 million for the same quarter of last year. The net loss for the quarter was \$561,000, or \$.08 per share, compared to a net loss of \$248,000, or \$.04 per share, in the third quarter of 2004.

For the first nine months of 2005, revenues were \$13.2 million, up 15 percent from \$11.5 million during the like period of 2004. The net loss for the first nine months was \$656,000, or \$0.09 per share vs. a net loss of \$1.7 million, or \$0.32 per share during the first nine months of 2004.

Financial results for the first nine months of 2005 include results from the May 2004 asset acquisition of Life Quotes, Inc. for the entirety of the period, while financial results for the comparable period in 2004 include Life Quotes results only for May through September 2004.

"Reduced ad spending during the second quarter of 2005, combined with a worse-than-expected performance from our telephone sales division throughout 2005, has resulted in a revenue decline in the third quarter," remarked Robert Bland, chairman and CEO. "As previously announced, we installed new management at our telephone sales division in the third quarter and we are highly focused on our telephone order fulfillment processes in order to improve our lead-to-paid-policy sales yields. We increased sequential ad spending by 15% in the third quarter, as compared to Q2, and intend to further increase spending again in Q4 in order to establish sales momentum going into 2006."

Phil Perillo, chief financial officer, remarked, "Even with the loss, our year-to-date cash flow from operations is a positive \$246,000, as non-cash charges for depreciation and amortization are greater than the net loss. Our balance sheet remains strong, with \$9.3 million in cash and marketable securities and no debt."

Stockholders' equity amounted to \$26.9 million on September 30, 2005 as compared to \$27.6 million on December 31, 2004.

Additional Business Model Information

- Quotesmith.com, Inc. is an independent insurance brokerage that relies upon direct response advertising and purchased leads to obtain new customers. Approximately 85% percent of our revenues are derived from the sale of individual life insurance. Under our business model, the up-front recognition of direct response ad expenses generally precedes corresponding life commission revenues, on average, by as much as three to five months.
- Depreciation and amortization charges for Q3 were \$237,000. We estimate that depreciation and amortization charges will be approximately \$1 million for the full year 2005 vs. \$1.3 million for 2004.
- Despite a weak U.S. life insurance market and continued record low life insurance premiums, we are pursuing a number of new marketing initiatives which include: improving the revenue yield from the sale of non-life insurance leads to third parties, adding TV to our marketing mix, adding additional specialty and limited-distribution life insurance offerings to our inventory, and trial entry into the new and rapidly-growing life settlement brokerage market in order to assist our clients with the sale of unwanted or unneeded life insurance.

About Quotesmith.com

Founded in 1984, Quotesmith.com owns and operates a comprehensive consumer information service and companion insurance brokerage service that caters to the needs of self-directed insurance shoppers. Visitors to the Company's flagship Web site, www.insure.com, are able to obtain instant life, auto, health and home insurance quotes from more than 200 leading insurers and have the freedom to buy from any company shown. Insure.com also plays home to over 3,000 originally authored articles on numerous insurance topics and also provides free insurance decision-making tools that are not available from any other single source. Our Life Quotes division provides telephone quotes, personal advice and brokerage services using in-house licensed agents. Quotesmith.com generates revenues from receipt of commissions paid by participating insurance companies, including industry-standard, back-end bonus commissions and volume-based contingent bonus commissions. Shares of Quotesmith.com trade on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market under the symbol "QUOT."

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QUOTESMITH.COM, INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	<u>Quarter Ended</u> <u>September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u> <u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Revenues:				
Commissions and fees	\$4,078	\$4,713	\$13,189	\$11,455
Other	1	-	7	6
Total revenues	4,079	4,713	13,196	11,461
Expenses:				
Selling & marketing	1,580	1,848	4,939	5,208
Operations	1,901	1,989	5,534	4,766
General & admin.	993	736	2,844	2,286
Depreciation & amort.	237	379	732	946
Total expenses	4,711	4,952	14,049	13,206
Operating loss	(632)	(239)	(853)	(1,745)
Investment income (net)	71	(9)	197	39
Net loss	\$(561)	\$(248)	\$(656)	\$(1,706)
Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$(0.08)	\$(0.04)	\$(0.09)	\$(0.32)
Weighted average common shares and equivalents	7,329	6,141	7,329	5,356

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SELECTED BALANCE SHEET DATA
(In thousands)

	September 30, <u>2005</u>		December 31, <u>2004</u>	
Cash and equivalents	\$	924	\$	1,356
Investments		8,407		7,974
Commissions receivable		2,644		2,736
Land and building, net		5,335		5,422
Intangibles and goodwill		10,108		10,579
Other assets		773		776
Total assets	\$	28,191	\$	28,843
Total current liabilities	\$	1,264	\$	1,228
Total stockholders' equity		26,927		27,615
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