

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT,  
R.S.N.S. 1989, C. 418, AS AMENDED (the "Act")**

**- and -**

**IN THE MATTER OF OPTIONSPRESS, INC.**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2005 the Nova Scotia Securities Commission (the "Commission") issued a Notice of Hearing pursuant to sections 134 and 135 of the Act in respect to optionsXpress, Inc. ("Options");

**AND WHEREAS** Options entered into a settlement agreement dated August 12<sup>th</sup> 2005 (the "Settlement Agreement") in which it agreed to a proposed settlement of the proceeding, subject to the approval of the Commission;

**AND UPON** reviewing the Settlement Agreement, the Notice of Hearing and the Statement of Allegations, and upon considering submissions from counsel for Options and from staff of the Commission;

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to make this Order.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is approved.

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2005.

"H. Leslie O'Brien"

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H. L. O'Brien, Chairman  
Nova Scotia Securities Commission

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