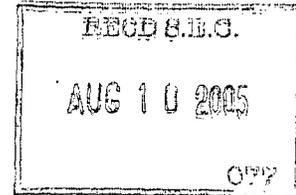




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August 10, 2005

Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
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Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that on August 9, 2005 the American Stock Exchange LLC (the "Exchange") received from Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. (the "Registrant"), a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following securities:

Common Stock, par value \$0.03 per share

We further certify that the above described securities have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

  
Bryan Fischer  
Managing Director  
Listing Qualifications Department

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