

# **FAIRFAX News Release**

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## **FAIRFAX AGREES TO PURCHASE SHARES OF ZENITH NATIONAL INSURANCE CORP.**

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited has entered into an agreement to purchase the 6,574,445 common shares of Zenith National Insurance Corp. of Woodland Hills, California, representing 38.4% of Zenith's outstanding shares, owned by Reliance Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, for US\$28 per share.

Zenith is an insurance holding company whose shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The purchase is being made for investment purposes. Fairfax will finance the purchase cost through internal sources.

Completion of this purchase is subject to the receipt of satisfactory applicable regulatory approvals and standard closing conditions. Completion of the purchase is contemplated to occur in the fall of 1999.

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited is a financial services holding company which, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in property, casualty and life insurance and reinsurance, investment management and insurance claims management.

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