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FAIRFAX PROVIDES PRELIMINARY ADVICE REGARDING EFFECT OF SEPTEMBER 11 EVENTS

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited advises as follows regarding the effect of the events of September 11 which have been widely described as terrorist attacks.

Based on advice to this point, it believes that all of its employees have survived and that none suffered physical injury.

The company recognizes that at this early stage it is not possible to make a calculation of its financial exposure to claims arising out of these events with a high degree of certainty. However, based on a preliminary review by all of its insurance and reinsurance companies, it estimates on a preliminary basis that its aggregate exposure, after reinsurance, may be in the range of US\$100 to US\$125 million before tax (US\$65 million to US\$80 million after tax). It expects that considerable time will be required in order to refine this preliminary estimate. While a significant event, these losses will not materially impact the financial position of the insurance and reinsurance companies.

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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