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## **FAIRFAX FILES FINAL UNIVERSAL SHELF PROSPECTUS**

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (“Fairfax”) (TSX: FFH and FFH.U) has filed a final short form base shelf prospectus with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

The shelf prospectus allows Fairfax to offer from time to time over a 25-month period up to Cdn\$2.0 billion of debt, equity or other securities. Should Fairfax offer any securities, it will make a prospectus supplement available that will include the specific terms of the securities being offered. In connection with the filing of the final short form base shelf prospectus, Fairfax has withdrawn its previously existing base shelf prospectus dated December 10, 2010.

A copy of the short form base shelf prospectus may be obtained from Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, Paul Rivett, Vice President, Operations at (416) 367-4941, 95 Wellington Street West, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2N7 or electronically at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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

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