

**FAIRFAX FINANCIAL AND ALLIED WORLD
ANNOUNCE SHORT TWO-DAY EXTENSION**

July 3, 2017 – Toronto, Ontario and Zug, Switzerland: Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (“Fairfax”) (TSX: FFH and FFH.U) and Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG (“Allied World”) (NYSE: AWH) announce that, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 18, 2016 between Fairfax and Allied World (as amended, the “Merger Agreement”), the offering period of the previously announced exchange offer to purchase all of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares of Allied World (the “Shares”) has been extended. The exchange offer, which was previously scheduled to expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on June 30, 2017, has been extended until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 (the “Extended Tender Deadline”), unless further extended in accordance with the Merger Agreement and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Since receiving the 88.1% tender result described below, Fairfax has spoken with an Allied World shareholder group representing more than 3% of the outstanding Shares that has indicated it will now tender before the Extended Tender Deadline. As a result, we fully expect to have significantly more than 90% of the Shares tendered by the Extended Tender Deadline and to accept the tendered Shares for payment on Thursday, July 6, 2017.

Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the exchange agent for the offer, has indicated that, as of 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2017, 77,183,520 Shares (including 10,253,467 Shares tendered by guaranteed delivery) had been tendered into and not properly withdrawn from the exchange offer, representing approximately 88.1% of the outstanding Shares. Shareholders who have already tendered their Shares do not have to re-tender their Shares or take any other action as a result of the extension of the expiration date of the exchange offer.

Georgeson LLC is the Information Agent for the exchange offer and any questions or requests for the prospectus, letter of transmittal and related materials with respect to the exchange offer may be directed to them, toll-free at (800) 248-7690.

About Fairfax

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

About Allied World

Allied World, through its subsidiaries and brand known as Allied World, is a global provider of innovative property, casualty and specialty insurance and reinsurance solutions. Allied World offers superior client service through a global network of offices and branches. All of Allied World’s rated insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries are rated A by A.M. Best Company, A by

Standard & Poor's, and A2 by Moody's, and our Lloyd's Syndicate 2232 is rated A+ by Standard & Poor's and AA- by Fitch.

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In connection with the exchange offer for all of the outstanding registered ordinary shares of Allied World, Fairfax has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a registration statement on Form F-4, which includes a prospectus, and a Tender Offer statement on Schedule TO (including a related letter of transmittal and other offer documents), which has been previously amended and will be further amended. Allied World has filed with the SEC a Solicitation / Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the exchange offer, which has been previously amended and will be further amended. **SHAREHOLDERS OF ALLIED WORLD ARE URGED TO READ THESE DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY (INCLUDING THE EXHIBITS THERETO) AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXCHANGE OFFER.** These materials and Fairfax's other public filings with the SEC may be obtained without charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Any materials filed with the SEC may also be obtained without charge at Fairfax's website, www.fairfax.ca.

Any proxy statement and any other relevant documents filed by Allied World with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents and Allied World's other public filings with the SEC, may be obtained without charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, after they have been filed. Any materials filed with the SEC may also be obtained without charge at Allied World's website, www.awac.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

Fairfax and Allied World and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in any solicitation of proxies from Allied World's shareholders in favour of the merger. Information about Allied World's directors and executive officers is available in Allied World's amended Annual Report on Form 10-K dated April 27, 2017. Information about Fairfax's directors and executive officers is available in Fairfax's management proxy circular dated March 10, 2017 for its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the definitive proxy statement, the prospectus and other relevant materials filed with the SEC regarding the merger. Investors should read the definitive proxy statement and the prospectus carefully before making any voting or investment decisions.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained herein may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable Canadian and United States securities laws and are made pursuant to the "safe harbour" provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are generally identified by words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "will," "may," "continue," "should," and other similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Fairfax, Allied World or the combined company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of management of Fairfax and Allied World and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on many assumptions and factors, including general economic and market conditions, industry conditions, corporate approvals, regulatory approvals, operational factors and other factors. Any changes in such assumptions or factors could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations. All forward-looking statements attributable to Fairfax and Allied World, or persons acting on their behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements set forth in this paragraph.

Undue reliance should not be placed on such statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. Such factors include, but are not limited to the risks and uncertainties described in: (i) Fairfax's most recently issued Annual Report which is available at www.fairfax.ca and in its Supplemental and Base Shelf Prospectus (under "Risk Factors") filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada, which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com; and (ii) Allied World's most recently issued Annual Report filed on Form 10-K, which is available on EDGAR at www.sec.gov. Each of Fairfax and Allied World disclaims any intention or obligation to update or

revise any forward-looking statements and undertakes no obligation to release publicly the results of any future revisions to the forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

There can be no assurance that the offer and/or the merger will occur or that the anticipated benefits of the offer and merger will be realized.