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Fairfax Extends Exchange Offer for 7¾% Senior Notes Due 2012

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited announces a one business day extension, to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 30, 2004, of its offer to exchange up to \$22,049,000 aggregate principal amount of its 7¾% Senior Notes due 2012 that have been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 for a like principal amount of its outstanding 7¾% Senior Notes due 2012 (the “original notes”) which were not so registered. Fairfax is required to extend the exchange offer for one business day due to the United States Presidential Executive Order that declared June 11, 2004 a federal holiday in the United States in recognition of the death of former President Ronald Reagan and is required to issue a press release announcing this extension.

The exchange agent, The Bank of New York, Corporate Trust Operations, has advised Fairfax that all of the original notes have been validly tendered and not withdrawn as of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 29, 2004.

The terms of the exchange offer are described in the prospectus supplement dated June 1, 2004, and the accompanying base shelf prospectus dated April 20, 2004 and letter of transmittal, previously delivered to holders of the original notes. Any inquiries regarding the exchange offer or requests for copies of the prospectus, the letter of transmittal or other exchange offer materials should be directed to the exchange agent, The Bank of New York, Corporate Trust Operations, Reorganization Unit, 101 Barclay Street - 7 East, New York, NY 10286, Attention Carolle Montreuil, telephone, (212) 815-5920, facsimile (212) 298-1915 (confirm receipt of facsimile by telephone to (212) 815-5920).

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

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

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