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Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (TSX:FFH.SV) (NYSE:FFH) confirms, in response to various inquiries, that it has not received a subpoena or other information request from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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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