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FAIRFAX ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF THE BRICK GROUP INCOME FUND UNITS

(Note: All dollar amounts in this press release are expressed in U.S. dollars.)

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (TSX:FFH.SV) (NYSE:FFH) announced today that it has purchased, in the investment portfolios of its insurance subsidiaries, 3,234,500 units of The Brick Group Income Fund, bringing its total holdings in the Fund to 5,938,800 units or approximately 10.96 % of the total units outstanding. The units were purchased through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange for investment purposes. Fairfax continually reviews its investment alternatives and may purchase additional units of The Brick Group Income Fund from time to time in accordance with applicable laws.

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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