

FAIRFAX *News Release*

TSX Stock Symbol: FFH and FFH.U

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FAIRFAX ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND ON SERIES C, SERIES E, SERIES G AND SERIES I PREFERRED SHARES

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (TSX: FFH and FFH.U) announces that it has declared a quarterly dividend of C\$0.359375 per share on its Series C Preferred Shares, C\$0.296875 per share on its Series E Preferred Shares, C\$0.3125 per share on its Series G Preferred Shares and C\$0.29795 per share on its Series I Preferred Shares. The dividends are payable on December 31, 2010 to shareholders of record on December 20, 2010. Applicable Canadian withholding tax will be applied to dividends payable to non-residents of Canada.

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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