Fairfax Africa Holdings Corporation *News Release*

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

(Note: All dollar amounts in this news release are expressed in U.S. dollars except as otherwise noted. The financial results are prepared using the recognition and measurement requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards except as otherwise noted, and are unaudited.)

Fairfax Africa Holdings Corporation (TSX: FAH.U) announces fiscal year 2017 net earnings of $23.5 million ($0.54 per basic and diluted share), principally reflecting net realized gains relating to the purchase of Atlas Mara ordinary shares, net foreign exchange gains on the company's indirect investment in and loan to AFGRI, and interest income.

Highlights for 2017 included the following:

- At December 31, 2017 common shareholders' equity was $516.7 million and book value per share was $10.21.

- On December 22, 2017 the company acquired an additional 1,200,000 ordinary shares of Atlas Mara for total consideration of $2.4 million. On December 31, 2017, the company held an aggregate of 71,958,670 ordinary shares of Atlas Mara with a fair value of $168.7 million, representing a 43.3% equity interest in the company. Atlas Mara is a Sub-Saharan African financial services group listed on the London Stock Exchange.

- At December 31, 2017, Nova Pioneer had issued the final tranche of $20 million of secured debentures and issued 2 million warrants to the company.

Subsequent to year-end:

- In November 2017, AFGRI initiated a rights issue to raise 518.6 million South African rand (approximately $42 million) from existing shareholders, with proceeds to be used to fund growth, primarily in the Foods division, and to repay the 300 million South African rand AFGRI bridge facility provided by the company in June 2017. The company, through Joseph Investment Holdings, contributed $18.5 million into the rights issue. Following closing of the rights issue on January 31, 2018, the company's indirect voting interest in AFGRI increased from 42.2% to 43.8%. On January 31, 2018, the AFGRI bridge facility including accrued interest was repaid.
- On January 12, 2018, the company terminated its letter of credit facility related to the partial offer to purchase shares of PPC Limited, resulting in $162 million of cash used as collateral to be released from restricted cash.
- On January 31, 2018, the company extended the maturity of its $150 million corporate secured term loan to August 31, 2018.

There were 50.6 million weighted average shares outstanding during the fourth quarter of 2017. At December 31, 2017 there were 20,620,189 subordinate voting shares and 30,000,000 multiple voting shares outstanding.

Unaudited consolidated balance sheet, earnings and comprehensive income information follow and form part of this news release.

In presenting the company's results in this news release, management has included book value per basic share. Book value per basic share is calculated by the company as common shareholders' equity divided by the number of common shares outstanding.

Fairfax Africa is an investment holding company. Its investment objective is to achieve long-term capital appreciation, while preserving capital, by investing in public and private equity securities and debt instruments in Africa and African businesses or other businesses with customers, suppliers or business primarily conducted in, or dependent on, Africa.

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enforcement of rights; smaller company risk; due diligence and conduct of potential investment entities; African economic risk; reliance on trading partners risk; natural disaster risks; government debt risk; and economic risk. Additional risks and uncertainties are described in the company's annual information form dated March 31, 2017 which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the company's website at www.fairfaxafrica.ca. These factors and assumptions are not intended to represent a complete list of the factors and assumptions that could affect the company. These factors and assumptions, however, should be considered carefully.

Although the company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements contained herein, except as required by applicable securities laws.

Consolidated Balance Sheets
as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016
(unaudited - US$ thousands)

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	**13,012**	—
Restricted cash	**313,000**	—
Short term investments	**32,968**	—
Loans	**24,233**	—
Bonds	**19,934**	—
Common stocks	**261,917**	—
Total cash and investments	**665,064**	—
Interest receivable	**3,506**	—
Other assets	**541**	786
Total assets	**669,111**	786
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**811**	—
Payable to related parties	**1,482**	860
Income taxes payable	**82**	—
Term loan	**150,000**	—
Total liabilities	**152,375**	860
Equity		
Common shareholders' equity (deficit)	**516,736**	(74)
	669,111	786

Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income

for the three months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, year ended December 31, 2017 and the period April 28, 2016 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2016

(unaudited - US$ thousands except share and per share amounts)

	Fourth quarter		Year ended	April 28 - December 31
	2017	2016	**2017**	2016
Income				
Interest	**2,950**	—	**7,589**	—
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	**(151)**	—	**11,274**	—
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	**(28,912)**	—	**2,362**	—
Net foreign exchange gains	**9,684**	—	**10,626**	—
	(16,429)	—	**31,851**	—
Expenses				
Investment and advisory fees	**1,395**	—	**3,400**	—
Performance fees (recovery)	**(5,314)**	—	**319**	—
General and administration expenses	**636**	71	**2,076**	74
Interest expense	**1,195**	—	**2,087**	—
	(2,088)	71	**7,882**	74
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	**(14,341)**	(71)	**23,969**	(74)
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes	**(492)**	—	**485**	—
Net earnings (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	**(13,849)**	(71)	**23,484**	(74)
Net earnings (loss) per share	**$ (0.27)**	—	**$ 0.54**	—
Net earnings (loss) per diluted share	**$ (0.27)**	—	**$ 0.54**	—
Shares outstanding (weighted average - basic)	**50,620,189**	1	**43,329,044**	1