

Fairfax Africa Holdings Corporation

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FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

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Fairfax Africa Holdings Corporation (TSX: FAH.U) announces net earnings of \$0.6 million in the first quarter of 2017 (\$0.02 per basic and diluted share). Book value per basic share was \$9.76 at March 31, 2017.

Highlights in the first quarter of 2017 included the following:

- Fairfax Africa completed an initial public offering and private placements on February 17, 2017 and an over-allotment option on March 2, 2017 raising total net proceeds of \$493.3 million after issuance costs and expenses from its offerings. These proceeds included a \$75.0 million in-kind contribution of an indirect interest investment in AFGRI Holdings Proprietary Limited.
- Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited purchased all of the multiple voting shares of Fairfax Africa for \$300.0 million, constituting a controlling interest.
- Subsequent to its initial public offering, Fairfax Africa, pending identifying and completing longer term investments in African businesses, invested most of the net proceeds of the offerings in permitted investments. At March 31, 2017, Fairfax Africa held \$299.3 million of cash and cash equivalents and permitted investments of \$142.7 million.
- At March 31, 2017, common shareholders' equity was \$494.0 million.

There were 24,117,202 weighted average shares outstanding during the first quarter of 2017.

At March 31, 2017 there were 20,620,189 subordinate voting shares outstanding in addition to 30,000,000 multiple voting shares outstanding for a total of 50,620,189 common shares effectively outstanding.

Fairfax Africa's detailed first quarter report can be accessed at its website www.fairfaxafrica.ca.

The Company 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. Generally, subject to compliance with applicable law, African investments will be made with a view to acquiring control or significant influence positions.

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