

Fairfax India Holdings Corporation

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FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

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Fairfax India Holdings Corporation (TSX: FIH.U) announces net earnings of \$28.8 million in the first quarter of 2018 (\$0.19 net earnings per diluted share) compared to net earnings of \$149.0 million in the first quarter of 2017 (\$1.03 net earnings per diluted share), reflecting decreased net unrealized gains on investments.

Highlights in the first quarter of 2018 included the following:

- The first quarter of 2018 included a net change in unrealized gains on investments of \$41.3 million, principally from an increase in the fair value of \$27.9 million in the company's investment in the private company NSE, and a net increase in the market price of the company's investments in public companies, IIFL appreciated by \$47.3 million, partially offset by depreciation in Fairchem of \$38.1 million.
- At March 31, 2018 common shareholders' equity was \$2,229.7 million, or \$14.38 per share, compared to \$2,132.5 million, or \$14.46 per share, at December 31, 2017, a decrease of 0.6%.

There were 149.4 million and 141.8 million weighted average shares outstanding during the first quarters of 2018 and 2017 respectively. At March 31, 2018 there were 125,096,316 subordinate voting shares and 30,000,000 multiple voting shares outstanding.

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

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

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