



## STATEMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

SYDNEY, 20 October, 2006: John Fairfax Holdings Limited [ASX:FXJ] issued the following statement today:

“News Corporation has confirmed to Fairfax its acquisition of 7.5% of the company. Fairfax notes News Corp’s statement that the acquisition is an investment and friendly to the existing Board. There is every reason for investors to see value in Fairfax and its future.”

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