

### **DAVID EVANS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SYDNEY, February 21, 2005 – Mr Dean Wills AO, Chairman of the Board of Directors of John Fairfax Holdings Limited [ASX:FXJ], announced that Mr David Evans will be appointed to the Board pending completion of formalities.

“I am delighted to announce that David Evans has agreed to join the Board,” Mr Wills said. “He brings considerable business and media experience to Fairfax, and we look forward to working with him.”

Mr Evans’ professional biography follows below.

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#### **DAVID EVANS**

David Evans is President and CEO of Crown Media Holdings, Inc. He was previously President and CEO of the company’s predecessor, Hallmark Entertainment Networks, since March 1, 1999.

Crown Media Holdings, Inc is the owner of the Hallmark Channels worldwide. The Hallmark Channels are seen in approximately 120 countries around the world and are particularly successful in the United States and the U.K.

Prior to joining The Hallmark Networks, Mr Evans was President and CEO of Tele-Communications International, Inc. (“TINTA”). He joined TINTA in September of 1997.

Prior to joining TINTA, from July 1996, Mr Evans was Executive Vice President, News Corporation, in the United States. During that period of time he was responsible for establishing the DTH service, Sky Entertainment Services Latin America, Inc.

Beginning in August 1994, Mr Evans was President and COO of Fox Television, overseeing all activities at Fox Broadcasting Company, Fox Television Stations, Inc, Twentieth Television’s domestic Syndication unit and the Fox cable channel, FX.

Before joining Fox, Mr Evans worked for British Sky Broadcasting in 1992 and 1993.

Prior to arriving in the United States, Mr Evans served seven years as the Chief Executive Officer of GTV Channel Nine in Melbourne, Australia.