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BlackRock Announces Shareholder Approval of the Reorganization of Six Taxable Fixed Income Closed-End Funds

New York, October 11, 2013 – BlackRock Advisors, LLC announced today that, at a special meeting of shareholders of BlackRock High Yield Trust (NYSE:BHY), BlackRock Corporate High Yield Fund, Inc. (NYSE:COY), BlackRock Corporate High Yield Fund III, Inc. (NYSE:CYE), BlackRock High Income Shares (NYSE:HIS), BlackRock Corporate High Yield Fund V, Inc. (NYSE:HYV) and BlackRock Corporate High Yield Fund VI, Inc. (NYSE:HYT) (collectively, the “Funds”), the shareholders of the Funds have approved the reorganization of each of BHY, COY, CYE, HIS and HYV into HYT, with HYT continuing as the surviving Fund (each, a “Reorganization”).

It is currently expected that the Reorganizations will be effective with the open for business of the New York Stock Exchange on November 18, 2013, subject to all regulatory requirements and customary closing conditions being satisfied. The Reorganizations, if completed, would occur based on the relative net asset values of (i) BHY and HYT, (ii) COY and HYT, (iii) CYE and HYT, (iv) HIS and HYT and (v) HYV and HYT, respectively.

Additional Information about the Reorganizations and Where to Find It

This press release is not intended to, and does not, constitute an offer to purchase or sell shares of any of the Funds; nor is this press release intended to solicit a proxy from any shareholder of any of the Funds.

The Funds and their respective directors, trustees, officers and employees, and BlackRock, and its shareholders, officers and employees and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies with respect to the Reorganizations. Investors and shareholders may obtain more detailed information regarding the direct and indirect interests of the Funds' respective directors, trustees, officers and employees, and BlackRock and its shareholders, officers and employees and other persons by reading the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus regarding the Reorganizations, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on August 23, 2013.

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF THE FUNDS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE REORGANIZATIONS. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSIDER THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUNDS CAREFULLY. THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CONTAIN INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF THE FUNDS AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE

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