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BlackRock Announces Additional Details Related to Proposed Reorganization of Certain

BlackRock Taxable Fixed Income Closed-End Funds

New York, September 13, 2012 BlackRock Advisors, LLC announced today that, at a special meeting of shareholders of BlackRock Diversified Income Strategies Fund, Inc. (NYSE:DVF), BlackRock Floating Rate Income Strategies Fund II, Inc. (NYSE:FRB) and BlackRock Floating Rate Income Strategies Fund, Inc. (NYSE:FRA) (collectively, the Funds) held today, shareholders of the Funds have approved the reorganization of each of DVF and FRB with and into FRA (the Reorganizations).

It is currently expected that the Reorganizations will be completed in October 2012, 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) DVF and FRA and (ii) FRB and FRA, respectively.

This communication is not intended to, and shall not, constitute an offer to purchase or sell shares of any of the BlackRock funds, including FRA, the surviving fund in the Reorganizations. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of their fund(s) carefully and consider in its entirety the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus relating to the Reorganizations which contains important information regarding the investment objectives and policies, risks, charges, expenses and other important information about FRA.

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Annual and Semi-Annual Reports and other regulatory filings of the Funds with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and on BlackRock's website at www.blackrock.com, and may discuss these or other factors that affect the Funds. The information contained on BlackRock's website is not a part of this press release.

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