

Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company Increases Distribution to \$0.5175 per Share for Q1 2012

Houston, TX – March 22, 2012 – Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company (the “Company”) (NYSE: KYN) announced today its quarterly distribution of \$0.5175 per share for the quarter ended February 29, 2012. This distribution represents an increase of 1.5% from the prior quarter’s distribution of \$0.51 per share and an increase of 5.6% from the distribution for the quarter ended February 28, 2011. This represents the sixth consecutive quarterly increase by the Company.

The distribution will be payable on April 13, 2012 to common stockholders of record on April 5, 2012, with an ex-dividend date of April 3, 2012. It is anticipated that a significant portion of this distribution will be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. The final determination of such amount will be made in early 2013 when the Company can determine its earnings and profits. The final tax status of the distribution may differ substantially from this preliminary information.

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Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, whose common stock is traded on the NYSE. The Company's investment objective is to obtain a high after-tax total return by investing at least 85% of its total assets in energy-related master limited partnerships and their affiliates (collectively, “MLPs”), and in other companies that, as their principal business, operate assets used in the gathering, transporting, processing, storing, refining, distributing, mining or marketing natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal.

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