## Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company

## Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company Provides Unaudited Balance Sheet Information and Announces its Net Asset Value and Asset Coverage Ratios at February 29, 2012

Houston, TX – March 2, 2012 – Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company (the "Company") (NYSE: KYN) today provided a summary unaudited balance sheet and announced its net asset value and asset coverage ratios under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") as of February 29, 2012.

As of February 29, 2012, the Company's net assets were \$2.5 billion, and its net asset value per share was \$30.07. As of February 29, 2012, the Company's asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness was 423% and the Company's asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to total leverage (debt and preferred stock) was 324%.

## Kayne Anderson MLP Investment Company Balance Sheet February 29, 2012 (Unaudited)

|                                      | (in millions) | Per Share |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Investments                          | \$ 4,165.4    | \$ 50.26  |
| Cash                                 | 43.1          | 0.52      |
| Deposits                             | 0.4           | _         |
| Accrued income                       | 2.7           | 0.03      |
| Receivable for common stock offering | 226.9         | 2.74      |
| Receivable for securities sold       | 1.3           | 0.02      |
| Other assets                         | 8.8           | 0.11      |
| Total assets                         | 4,448.6       | 53.68     |
| Credit facility borrowings           | 76.0          | 0.92      |
| Senior notes                         | 775.0         | 9.35      |
| Preferred stock                      | 260.0         | 3.14      |
| Total leverage                       | 1,111.0       | 13.41     |
| Payable for securities purchased     | 175.9         | 2.12      |
| Deferred tax liability               | 645.2         | 7.79      |
| Other liabilities                    | 24.4          | 0.29      |
| Total liabilities                    | 845.5         | 10.20     |
| Net assets                           | \$ 2,492.1    | \$ 30.07  |

The Company had 82.87 million common shares outstanding as of February 29, 2012.

Long-term investments were comprised of Midstream MLP (67%), MLP Affiliate (9%), General Partner MLP (7%), Shipping MLP (5%), Propane MLP (2%), Upstream MLP & Income Trust (3%) and Coal MLP & Other (7%).

The Company's ten largest holdings by issuer at February 29, 2012 were:

|     |                                                    | Units (in thousands) | Amount<br>(\$ millions) | Percent of<br>Long-<br>Term<br>Investments |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (Midstream MLP)  | 7,396                | 383.7                   | 9.2%                                       |
| 2.  | Kinder Morgan Management, LLC (MLP Affiliate)      | 3,900                | 312.7                   | 7.5%                                       |
| 3.  | Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (Midstream MLP) | 3,161                | 261.4                   | 6.3%                                       |
| 4.  | MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. (Midstream MLP)     | 3,920                | 234.5                   | 5.6%                                       |
| 5.  | Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (General Partner MLP) | 4,425                | 192.4                   | 4.6%                                       |
| 6.  | Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. (Midstream MLP)  | 2,316                | 169.5                   | 4.1%                                       |
| 7.  | Regency Energy Partners LP (Midstream MLP)         | 6,393                | 169.4                   | 4.1%                                       |
| 8.  | El Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P. (Midstream MLP)    | 4,345                | 159.3                   | 3.8%                                       |
| 9.  | Williams Partners L.P. (Midstream MLP)             | 2,509                | 156.1                   | 3.7%                                       |
| 10. | ONEOK, Partners, L.P. (Midstream MLP)              | 2,397                | 139.5                   | 3.3%                                       |

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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, 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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