

## ClearBridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc. Announces Unaudited Balance Sheet Information as of November 30, 2016

NEW YORK-- (Business Wire)—December 7, 2016—ClearBridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc. (NYSE: CTR) announced today the unaudited statement of assets and liabilities, the net asset value and asset coverage ratio of the Fund as of November 30, 2016.

As of November 30, 2016, the Fund's net assets were \$532.9 million, and its net asset value per share was \$13.88. The Fund's asset coverage ratio under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") with respect to senior indebtedness was 416% and the Fund's asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to total leverage was 385%.

As of November 30, 2016		
	Amount (millions)	Per Share
Investments	\$ 725.4	\$ 18.89
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11.1	\$ 0.29
Other Assets	1.7	\$ 0.05
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 738.2</b>	<b>\$ 19.23</b>
Senior Notes*	\$ 142.0	\$ 3.70
Loans Outstanding*	31.0	0.81
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares*	14.0	0.36
<b>Total Leverage</b>	<b>\$ 187.0</b>	<b>\$ 4.87</b>
Deferred Tax Liability	\$ 17.1	\$ 0.45
Other Liabilities	1.2	0.03
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 18.3</b>	<b>\$ 0.48</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 532.9</b>	<b>\$ 13.88</b>
Outstanding Shares	38,400,142	
* The Fund's asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to senior indebtedness was 416%.		
* The Fund's asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to total leverage was 385%.		
Top Ten Holdings (as of November 30, 2016)**		
Name	Market Value (millions)	% of Investments ***
Enterprise Products Partners LP	\$ 56.7	7.7%
Energy Transfer Partners LP	44.3	6.0%
Targa Resources Corp	42.9	5.8%
Magellan Midstream Partners LP	40.0	5.4%
Buckeye Partners LP	37.2	5.1%
Genesis Energy LP	34.5	4.7%
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP	32.0	4.4%
Enbridge Energy Partners LP	31.1	4.2%
Oneok Partners LP	28.9	3.9%
Williams Partners LP	25.1	3.4%
	<b>\$ 372.7</b>	<b>50.6%</b>
**Subject to change at any time		
***Percent of Total Investments		

ClearBridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc. is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company which is advised by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC ("LMPFA") and subadvised by ClearBridge Investments, LLC ("ClearBridge"). LMPFA and ClearBridge are wholly owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc. ("Legg Mason").

This financial data is unaudited.

The Fund files its semi-annual and annual reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as its complete schedule of portfolio holdings for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. These reports are available on the Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). To obtain information on Form N-Q or a semi-annual or annual report from the Fund, shareholders can call 1-888-777-0102.

For more information about the Fund, please call 1-888-777-0102 or consult the Fund's website at [www.lmcef.com](http://www.lmcef.com). Hard copies of the Fund's complete audited financial statements are available free of charge upon request.

Data and commentary provided in this press release are for informational purposes only. Legg Mason and its affiliates do not engage in selling shares of the Fund.

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