ClearBridge Energy MLP Opportunity Fund Inc. Announces Unaudited Balance Sheet Information as of December 31, 2016

NEW YORK-- (Business Wire)— January 9, 2017—ClearBridge Energy MLP Opportunity Fund Inc. (NYSE: EMO) announced today the unaudited statement of assets and liabilities, the net asset value and asset coverage ratio of the Fund as of December 31, 2016.

As of December 31, 2016, the Fund's net assets were $451.1 million, and its net asset value per share was $14.46. The Fund's asset coverage ratio under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") with respect to senior indebtedness was 400% and the Fund's asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to total leverage was 349%.

	As of December 31, 2016	
	Amount (millions)	Per Share
Investments	$ 685.0	$ 21.96
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2.5	0.08
Other Assets	1.1	0.03
Total Assets	$ 688.6	$ 22.07
Senior Notes*	$ 123.0	$ 3.94
Loan Outstanding*	35.0	1.12
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares*	23.0	0.74
Total Leverage	$ 181.0	$ 5.80
Deferred Tax Liability	$ 54.2	$ 1.74
Other Liabilities	2.3	0.07
Total Liabilities	$ 56.5	$ 1.81
Net Assets	$ 451.1	$ 14.46
Outstanding Shares	31,196,056	

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* The Fund's asset coverage ratio under the 1940 Act with respect to total leverage was 349%.

Top Ten Holdings (as of December 31, 2016)**

Name	Market Value (millions)	% of Investments
Enterprise Products Partners LP	$ 60.0	8.7%
Buckeye Partners LP	42.3	6.2%
Targa Resources Corp	42.2	6.1%
Energy Transfer Partners LP	39.8	5.8%
Magellan Midstream Partners LP	39.8	5.8%
Genesis Energy LP	38.4	5.6%
Enbridge Energy Partners LP	37.1	5.4%
Oneok Partners LP	33.1	4.8%
Western Gas Partners LP	24.1	3.5%
Williams Partners LP	23.3	3.4%
	$ 380.1	55.3%

**Subject to change at any time
***Percent of Total Investments

ClearBridge Energy MLP Opportunity 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. 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. Hard copies of the Fund's complete audited financial statements are available free of charge upon request.

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