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# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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Item 1 Report to Stockholders

JUNE 30, 2016

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT (UNAUDITED)

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BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust (BGR)

BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc. (CII)

BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust (BDJ)

**BlackRock Global Opportunities Equity Trust (BOE)** 

BlackRock Health Sciences Trust (BME)

BlackRock International Growth and Income Trust (BGY)

BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust (BCX)

BlackRock Science and Technology Trust (BST)

 $BlackRock\ Utility\ and\ Infrastructure\ Trust\ (BUI)$ 

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#### Section 19(a) Notices

BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust s (BGR), BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc. s (CII), BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust s (BDJ), BlackRock Global Opportunities Equity Trust s (BOE), BlackRock Health Sciences Trust s (BME), BlackRock International Growth and Income Trust s (BGY), BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust s (BCX), BlackRock Science and Technology Trust s (BST) and BlackRock Utility and Infrastructure Trust s (BUI) (each, a Trust and collectively, the Trusts), amounts and sources of distributions reported are estimates and are being provided to you pursuant to regulatory requirements and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources for tax reporting purposes will depend upon each Trust s investment experience during the remainder of the fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on regulations. Each Trust will provide a Form 1099-DIV each calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes.

June 30, 2016

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	Net	Net Realized	Net Realized	of		Net	Net Realized	Net Realized	of	
	Investment	Capital Gains	Capital Gains		<b>Total Per</b>			Sapital Gains	3	Total Per
	Income	Short-Term	Long-Term	Capital	Common Share	e Income	<b>Short-Term</b>	Long-Term	Capital C	ommon Share
BGR*	\$ 0.148537			\$ 0.381863	\$ 0.530400	28%	0%	0%	72%	100%
CII*	\$ 0.060081			\$ 0.539919	\$ 0.600000	10%	0%	0%	90%	100%
BDJ*	\$ 0.080775			\$ 0.199425	\$ 0.280200	29%	0%	0%	71%	100%
BOE*	\$ 0.046145			\$ 0.535855	\$ 0.582000	8%	0%	0%	92%	100%
BME	\$ 0.017136	\$ 0.172293	\$ 1.010571		\$ 1.200000	1%	15%	84%	0%	100%
BGY*	\$ 0.052261			\$ 0.241739	\$ 0.294000	18%	0%	0%	82%	100%
BCX*	\$ 0.079040			\$ 0.230360	\$ 0.309400	26%	0%	0%	74%	100%
BST*	\$ 0.002749			\$ 0.597251	\$ 0.600000	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%
BUI*	\$ 0.244966		\$ 0.021682	\$ 0.459352	\$ 0.726000	34%	0%	3%	63%	100%

<sup>\*</sup> Certain Trusts estimate that they have distributed more than the amount of earned income and net realized gains; therefore, a portion of the distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the shareholder s investment in a Trust is returned to the shareholder. A return of capital does not necessarily reflect a Trust s investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income. When distributions exceed total return performance, the difference will reduce the Trust s net asset value per share.

Section 19(a) notices for the Trusts, as applicable, are available on the BlackRock website http://www.blackrock.com.

#### Section 19(b) Disclosure

The Trusts, acting pursuant to a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) exemptive order and with the approval of each Trust s Board of Trustees/Directors (the Board), each have adopted a plan, consistent with its investment objectives and policies to support a level distribution of income, capital gains and/or return of capital (the Plan). In accordance with the Plans, the Trusts distribute the following fixed amounts per share on a monthly basis as of June 30, 2016:

Exchange Symbol	<b>Amount Per Common Share</b>
BGR	\$0.0776
CII	\$0.1000
BDJ	\$0.0467
BOE	\$0.0970
BME	\$0.2000
BGY	\$0.0490
BCX	\$0.0446

BST \$0.1000 BUI \$0.1210

The fixed amounts distributed per share are subject to change at the discretion of each Trust so Board. Under its Plan, each Trust will distribute all available investment income to its shareholders, consistent with its primary investment objectives and as required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). If sufficient investment income is not available on a monthly basis, the Trusts will distribute long-term capital gains and/or return of capital to shareholders in order to maintain a level distribution. Each monthly distribution to shareholders is expected to be at the fixed amount established by the Board, except for extraordinary distributions and potential distribution rate increases or decreases to enable the Trusts to comply with the distribution requirements imposed by the Code.

Shareholders should not draw any conclusions about each Trust s investment performance from the amount of these distributions or from the terms of the Plan. Each Trust s total return performance on net asset value is presented in its financial highlights table.

The Board may amend, suspend or terminate a Trust s Plan at any time without prior notice to the Trust s shareholders if it deems such actions to be in the best interests of the Trust or its shareholders. The suspension or termination of the Plan could have the effect of creating a trading discount (if the Trust s stock is trading at or above net asset value) or widening an existing trading discount. The Trusts are subject to risks that could have an adverse impact on their ability to maintain level distributions. Examples of potential risks include, but are not limited to, economic downturns impacting the markets, decreased market volatility, companies suspending or decreasing corporate dividend distributions and changes in the Code. Please refer to each Trust s prospectus for a more complete description of its risks.

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## The Markets in Review

Dear Shareholder.

Uneven economic outlooks and divergence of monetary policies across regions have been the overarching themes driving financial markets over the past couple of years. In the latter half of 2015, as U.S. growth outpaced other developed markets, investors were focused largely on the timing of the Federal Reserve s (the Fed ) decision to end its near-zero interest rate policy. The Fed ultimately hiked rates in December, whereas the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan took additional steps to stimulate growth, even introducing negative interest rates. The U.S. dollar had strengthened considerably ahead of these developments, causing profit challenges for U.S. companies that generate revenues overseas, and pressuring emerging market currencies and commodities prices.

Also during this time period, oil prices collapsed due to excess global supply. China, one of the world slargest consumers of oil, was another notable source of stress for financial markets as the country showed signs of slowing economic growth and took measures to devalue its currency. Declining confidence in the country spolicymakers stoked investors worries about the potential impact of China s weakness on the global economy. Global market volatility increased and risk assets (such as equities and high yield bonds) suffered in this environment.

The elevated market volatility spilled over into 2016, but as the first quarter wore on, fears of a global recession began to fade, allowing markets to calm and risk assets to rebound. Central bank stimulus in Europe and Japan, combined with a more tempered outlook for rate hikes in the United States, helped bolster financial markets. A softening in U.S. dollar strength brought relief to U.S. exporters and emerging market economies. Oil prices rebounded as the world s largest producers agreed to reduce supply.

Volatility spiked again in late June when the United Kingdom shocked investors with its vote to leave the European Union. Uncertainty around how the British exit might affect the global economy and political landscape long term drove investors to high quality assets, pushing already-low global yields to even lower levels.

At BlackRock, we believe investors need to think globally, extend their scope across a broad array of asset classes and be prepared to adjust accordingly as market conditions change over time. We encourage you to talk with your financial advisor and visit **blackrock.com** for further insight about investing in today s markets.

Sincerely,

#### **Rob Kapito**

President, BlackRock Advisors, LLC

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Total Returns as of June 30, 2016

	6-month	12-month
U.S. large cap equities	3.84%	3.99%
(S&P 500® Index) U.S. small cap equities	2.22	(6.73)
(Russell 2000® Index) International equities	(4.42)	(10.16)

(MSCI Europe, Australasia,

Far East Index)

Emerging market	6.41	(12.05)
equities (MSCI Emerging		
Markets Index) 3-month Treasury	0.15	0.19
bill (BofA Merrill Lynch		
3-Month Treasury		
Bill Index) U.S. Treasury securities	7.95	9.49
(BofA Merrill Lynch 10-Year U.S. Treasury Index) U.S. investment grade	5.31	6.00
bonds (Barclays		
U.S. Aggregate		
Bond Index) Tax-exempt municipal	4.35	7.80
bonds (S&P		
Municipal Bond Index) U.S. high yield bonds	9.06	1.65
(Barclays U.S.		
Corporate High Yield 2%		
Issuer Capped Index)		

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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## The Benefits and Risks of Option Over-Writing

In general, the goal of each of the Trusts is to provide total return through a combination of current income and realized and unrealized gains (capital appreciation). The Trusts seek to pursue this goal primarily by investing in a portfolio of equity securities and utilizing an option over-writing strategy in an effort to enhance the Trusts distribution rate and total return performance. However, these objectives cannot be achieved in all market conditions.

The Trusts primarily write single stock covered call options, and may also from time to time write single stock put options. When writing (selling) a covered call option, the Trust holds an underlying equity security and enters into an option transaction which allows the counterparty to purchase the equity security at an agreed-upon price (strike price) within an agreed-upon time period. The Trusts receive cash premiums from the counterparties upon writing (selling) the option, which along with net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are generally available to support current or future distributions paid by the Trusts. During the option term, the counterparty may elect to exercise the option if the market value of the equity security rises above the strike price, and the Trust is obligated to sell the equity security to the counterparty at the strike price, realizing a gain or loss. Premiums received increase gains or reduce losses realized on the sale of the equity security. If the option remains unexercised upon its expiration, the Trusts realize gains equal to the premiums received. Alternatively, an option may be closed out by an offsetting purchase or sale of an option prior to expiration. The Trust realizes a capital gain from a closing purchase or sale transaction if the premium paid is less than the premium received from writing the option. The Trust realizes a capital loss from a closing purchase or sale transaction if the premium received is less than the premium paid to purchase the option.

Writing covered call options entails certain risks, which include, but are not limited to, the following: an increase in the value of the underlying equity security above the strike price can result in the exercise of a written option (sale by the Trust to the counterparty) when the Trust might not otherwise have sold the security; exercise of the option by the counterparty may result in a sale below the current market value and a gain or loss being realized by the Trust; and limiting the potential appreciation that could be realized on the underlying equity security to the extent of the strike price of the option. As such, an option over-writing strategy may outperform the general equity market in flat or falling markets but underperform in rising markets.

Each Trust employs a plan to support a level distribution of income, capital gains and/or return of capital. The goal of the plan is to provide shareholders with consistent and predictable cash flows by setting distribution rates based on expected long-term returns of the Trusts. Such distributions, under certain circumstances, may exceed a Trust s total return performance. When total distributions exceed total return performance for the period, the difference reduces the Trust s total assets and net asset value per share (NAV) and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the Trust s expense ratio and reducing the amount of assets, the Trust has available for long term investment. In order to make these distributions, a Trust may have to sell portfolio securities at less than opportune times.

The final tax characterization of distributions is determined after the fiscal year and is reported in the Trust s annual report to shareholders. Distributions can be characterized as ordinary income, capital gains and/or return of capital. The Trust s taxable net investment income or net realized capital gains (taxable income) may not be sufficient to support the level of distributions paid. To the extent that distributions exceed the Trust s current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess may be treated as a non-taxable return of capital. Distributions that exceed a Trust s taxable income but do not exceed the Trust s current and accumulated earnings and profits, may be classified as ordinary income which are taxable to shareholders. Such distributions are reported as distributions in excess of net investment income.

A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect a Trust s investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income. A return of capital is a return of a portion of an investor s original investment. A return of capital is not taxable, but it reduces a shareholder s tax basis in his or her shares, thus reducing any loss or increasing any gain on a subsequent disposition by the shareholder of his or her shares. It is possible that a substantial portion of the distributions paid during a calendar year may ultimately be classified as return of capital or as distributions in excess of net investment income for income tax purposes when the final determination of the source and character of the distributions is made.

To illustrate these concepts, assume the following: (1) a common stock purchased at and currently trading at \$37.15 per share; (2) a three-month call option is written by a Trust with a strike price of \$40 (i.e., 7.7% higher than the current market price); and (3) the Trust receives \$2.45, or 6.6% of the common stock s value, as a premium. If the stock price remains unchanged, the option expires and there would be a 6.6% return for the three-month period. If the stock were to decline in price by 6.6% (i.e., decline to \$34.70 per share), the option strategy would break-even from an economic perspective resulting in neither a gain nor a loss. If the stock were to climb to a price of \$40 or above, the option would be exercised and the stock would return 7.7% coupled with the option premium received of 6.6% for a total return of 14.3%. Under this scenario, the Trust loses the benefit of any appreciation of the stock above \$40, and thus is limited to a 14.3% total return. The premium from writing the call option serves to offset some of the unrealized loss on the stock in the event that the price of the stock declines, but if the stock were to

decline more than 6.6% under this scenario, the Trust s downside protection is eliminated and the stock could eventually become worthless.

Each Trust intends to write covered call options to varying degrees depending upon market conditions. Please refer to each Trust s Schedule of Investments and the Notes to Financial Statements for details of written options.

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## Trust Summary as of June 30, 2016

**BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust** 

#### **Trust Overview**

BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust s (BGR) (the Trust ) investment objective is to provide total return through a combination of current income, current gains and long-term capital appreciation. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities of energy and natural resources companies and equity derivatives with exposure to the energy and natural resources industry. The Trust may invest directly in such securities or synthetically through the use of derivatives. The Trust seeks to pursue this goal primarily by investing in a portfolio of equity securities and utilizing an option over-writing strategy in an effort to seek total return performance and enhance distributions.

No assurance can be given that the Trust s investment objective will be achieved.

#### Trust Information

Symbol on New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE )
Initial Offering Date
Current Distribution Rate on Closing Market Price as of June 30, 2016 (\$ 14.20)<sup>1</sup>
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share<sup>2</sup>
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share<sup>2</sup>

BGR December 29, 2004 6.56% \$0.0776 \$0.9312

- 1 Current distribution rate on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price. The current distribution rate consists of income, net realized gains and/or a return of capital. See the Financial Highlights for the actual sources and character of distributions. Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change. A portion of the distribution may be deemed a return of capital or net realized gain.

#### Performance and Portfolio Management Commentary

Returns for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were as follows:

### Returns Based On

	Market Price	Net Asset Value
BGR <sup>1,2</sup>	18.02%	14.30%
Lipper Natural Resources Funds <sup>3</sup>	22.22%	19.55%

- <sup>1</sup> All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends and/or distributions.
- The Trust s discount to NAV, which narrowed during the period, accounts for the difference between performance based on price and performance based on NAV.
- 3 Average return.

The following discussion relates to the Trust s absolute performance based on NAV:

What factors influenced performance?

After experiencing a significant downturn in 2015, natural resources stocks staged a sizable rally in the first half of this year. An improving balance of supply and demand, together with the increasingly accommodative monetary policies of the world s central banks, led to a rebound in commodity prices and fueled strong gains across the natural resources sector.

The Trust s position in the U.S. exploration & production (E&P) company ConocoPhillips, which lagged following its announcement of a dividend cut early in the year, was among the largest detractors from performance. The Trust s position in U.S. E&P Devon Energy Corp. was also a key detractor. The stock underperformed after the company announced it had agreed to acquire \$1.9 billion of Woodford shale assets from a private E&P company. While the investment advisor believed the deal was strategically sensible for Devon Energy, the market became concerned about the debt burden the company took on to finance the deal.

Royal Dutch Shell PLC and BG Energy Holdings Ltd. completed a merger in February, whereby the Trust sposition in the latter stock contributed positively. Natural gas stocks, particularly those with assets based in the Marcellus shale also performed well during the period. These producers,

which included Trust holdings such as Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. and EQT Corp., benefited from colder weather earlier in the period. In addition, a number of pipeline projects came online, leading to a narrowing of the price gap between the Henry Hub gas price (priced in Louisiana) and the Leidy Hub gas price (priced in Pennsylvania).

The Trust made use of options, principally written call options on individual stocks, in order to seek enhanced income returns while continuing to participate in the performance of the underlying equities. The option overlay strategy had a negative impact on performance given the strength in the overall sector.

Describe recent portfolio activity.

After having maintained an underweight position in refining stocks for much of 2015, the investment advisor moved to reduce this underweight at the beginning of the period by adding positions in Valero Energy Corp. and Tesoro Corp., both of which have benefited from strong U.S. gasoline consumption.

The Trust sold out of the U.S.-based E&P Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc. and California Resources Corp. based on their relative valuations. The Fund also rotated its exposure within the oil services industry, exiting Halliburton Co. and initiating a position in Baker Hughes, Inc. In addition, the Trust reduced its position in the European integrated oil producer Total SA on the basis of its relative valuation.

Describe portfolio positioning at period end.

The Trust s higher-quality bias