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BlackRock[®] Canada Announces January Cash Distributions for the iShares[®] ETFs

Toronto, January 13, 2016 – BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (“BlackRock Canada”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK), today announced the January 2016 cash distributions for the iShares ETFs listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange which pay on a monthly basis. Unitholders of record of a fund on January 26, 2016 will receive cash distributions payable in respect of that fund on **January 29, 2016**.

Details regarding the “per unit” distribution amounts are as follows:

| Fund Name | Fund Ticker | Cash Distribution Per Unit (\$) |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------|
| iShares Balanced Income CorePortfolio™ ETF | CBD | 0.06810 |
| | CBD.A | 0.04262 |
| iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF | CBH | 0.06160 |
| | CBH.A | 0.05389 |
| iShares Balanced Growth CorePortfolio™ ETF | CBN | 0.04633 |
| | CBN.A | 0.01958 |
| iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF | CBO | 0.05042 |
| | CBO.A | 0.04149 |
| iShares S&P [®] /TSX [®] Canadian Dividend Aristocrats Index ETF | CDZ | 0.07874 |
| | CDZ.A | 0.06106 |
| iShares Equal Weight Banc & Lifeco ETF | CEW | 0.02600 |

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| | CEW.A | 0.03250 |
| iShares U.S. High Yield Fixed Income Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | CHB | 0.09713 |
| | CHB.A | 0.08909 |
| iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF | CLF | 0.04928 |
| | CLF.A | 0.04112 |
| iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF | CLG | 0.05271 |
| | CLG.A | 0.04406 |
| iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF | CPD | 0.05400 |
| | CPD.A | 0.05057 |
| iShares Advantaged Short Duration High Income ETF (CAD-Hedged) | CSD | 0.07692 |
| | CSD.A | 0.06853 |
| iShares US Dividend Growers Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | CUD | 0.06572 |
| | CUD.A | 0.04369 |
| iShares Convertible Bond Index ETF | CVD | 0.07072 |
| | CVD.A | 0.06122 |
| iShares Global Monthly Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | CYH | 0.05420 |
| | CYH.A | 0.04767 |
| iShares Canadian Financial Monthly Income ETF | FIE | 0.04000 |
| | FIE.A | 0.04000 |
| iShares Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF | XBB | 0.07550 |
| iShares Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF | XCB | 0.05810 |
| iShares Canadian Select Dividend Index ETF | XDV | 0.08463 |
| iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | XEB | 0.07065 |
| iShares Core S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Index ETF | XEI | 0.08707 |



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| iShares S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index ETF | XFN | 0.08605 |
| iShares Floating Rate Index ETF | XFR | 0.01244 |
| iShares Canadian Government Bond Index ETF | XGB | 0.04771 |
| iShares Canadian HYBrid Corporate Bond Index ETF | XHB | 0.07605 |
| iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | XHD | 0.06423 |
| iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF | XHU | 0.05504 |
| iShares U.S. High Yield Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | XHY | 0.09770 |
| iShares U.S. IG Corporate Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | XIG | 0.05838 |
| iShares Core Canadian Long Term Bond Index ETF | XLB | 0.07197 |
| iShares S&P/TSX North American Preferred Stock Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) | XPF | 0.07415 |
| iShares Core High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF | XQB | 0.04726 |
| | XQB.A | 0.03775 |
| iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index ETF | XRE | 0.07550 |
| iShares Canadian Short Term Bond Index ETF | XSB | 0.05737 |
| iShares Conservative Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF | XSC | 0.05512 |
| iShares Conservative Strategic Fixed Income ETF | XSE | 0.06571 |
| iShares Core Canadian Short Term Corporate + Maple Bond Index ETF | XSH | 0.05195 |
| iShares Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF | XSI | 0.05841 |
| iShares Core Short Term High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF | XSQ | 0.03877 |
| iShares Diversified Monthly Income ETF | XTR | 0.05000 |
| iShares S&P/TSX Capped Utilities Index ETF | XUT | 0.06817 |

Estimated January Cash Distributions for the iShares Premium Money Market ETF

The January cash distributions per unit for the iShares Premium Money Market ETF are estimated to be as follows:



| Fund Name | Fund Ticker | Estimated Cash Distribution Per Unit (\$) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---|
| iShares Premium Money Market ETF | CMR | 0.01314 |
| | CMR.A | 0.00292 |

BlackRock Canada expects to issue a press release on or about January 25, 2016, which will provide the final amounts for the iShares Premium Money Market ETF.

Further information on the iShares Funds can be found at www.blackrock.com/ca.

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About iShares ETFs

iShares is a global leader in exchange-traded funds (ETFs), with more than a decade of expertise and commitment to individual and institutional investors of all sizes. With over 700 funds globally across multiple asset classes and strategies and more than US \$1 trillion in assets under management as of September 30, 2015, iShares helps clients around the world build the core of their portfolios, meet specific investment goals and implement market views. iShares funds are powered by the expert portfolio and risk management of BlackRock, trusted to manage more money than any other investment firm.^[1]

^[1]Based on US \$4.506 trillion in AUM as of 9/30/15.

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