

Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund Completes Private Placement of Senior Notes and Preferred Stock

Houston, TX – May 10, 2011 – Kayne Anderson Energy Total Return Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) (NYSE: KYE) announced today that it has completed a private placement with institutional investors of \$60 million of senior unsecured notes (“Senior Notes”) and \$30 million of mandatory redeemable preferred stock (“MRPS”). The table below sets forth the key terms of the Senior Notes and the MRPS:

Security	Amount (\$ in millions)	Rate	Maturity
Senior Notes			
Series F	\$ 30	3-month LIBOR + 145 bps	5/10/2016
Series G	20	3.71%	5/10/2016
Series H	10	4.38%	5/10/2018
Total	\$ 60		
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock			
Series B	\$ 30	5.13%	5/10/2018

Net proceeds from such offerings will be used to repay borrowings under the Fund’s revolving credit facility, to make new portfolio investments that are consistent with its investment objectives and policies and for general corporate purposes.

Neither the Senior Notes nor the MRPS will be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration.

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The Fund 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 Fund’s investment objective is to obtain a high total return with an emphasis on current income by investing primarily in securities of companies engaged in the energy industry, principally including publicly-traded energy-related master limited partnerships and limited liability companies taxed as partnerships and their affiliates, energy-related U.S. and Canadian income trusts and other companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from operating assets used in, or providing energy-related services for, the exploration, development, production, gathering, transportation, processing, storing, refining, distribution, mining or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids (including propane), crude oil, refined petroleum products or coal.

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