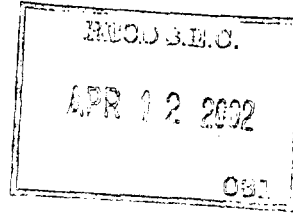




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April 12, 2002

Ms. Krista M. Hughes
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
Branch of Filer Support 2
Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Blackrock Municipal Bond Trust, Common Stock. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 12, 2002. Tentative listing date - April 26, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Dasgupta

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