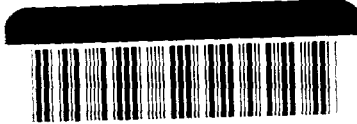


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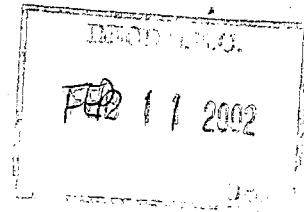
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Blackrock Strategic 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 February 11, 2002. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

Paras Madhu