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☐ Report to Stockholders

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BlackRock Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust (BRM)

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BlackRock Municipal 2018 Term Trust (BPK)

BlackRock Municipal 2020 Term Trust (BKK)

BlackRock Strategic Municipal Trust (BSD)

BlackRock California Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust (BFC)

BlackRock California Municipal 2018 Term Trust (BJZ)

BlackRock Florida Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust (BRF)

BlackRock Florida Municipal 2020 Term Trust (BFO)

BlackRock New York Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust (BLN)

BlackRock New York Municipal 2018 Term Trust (BLH)

BlackRock Pennsylvania Strategic Municipal Trust (BPS)

NOT FDIC INSURED

MAY LOSE VALUE

NO BANK GUARANTEE

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JUNE 30, 2008

A Letter to Shareholders

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Dear Shareholder

Throughout the past year, investors were overwhelmed by lingering credit and financial market troubles, surging oil prices and more recently, renewed inflation concerns. Healthy nonfinancial corporate profits and robust exporting activity remained among the few bright spots, helping the economy to grow at a modest, but still positive, pace.

The Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) has been aggressive in its attempts to stoke economic growth and ease financial market instability. In addition to slashing the target federal funds rate 325 basis points (3.25%) between September 2007 and April 2008, the central bank introduced the new Term Securities Lending Facility, granted broker-dealers access to the discount window and used its own balance sheet to help negotiate the sale of Bear Stearns. As widely anticipated, the end of the period saw a pause in Fed action, as the central bank held the target rate steady at 2.0% amid rising inflationary pressures.

As the Fed s bold response to the financial crisis helped ease credit turmoil and investor anxiety, U.S. equity markets sank sharply over the last six months, notwithstanding a brief rally in the spring. International markets were not immune to the tumult, with most regions also registering declines.

Treasury securities also traded in a volatile fashion, but generally rallied (yields fell as prices correspondingly rose), with investors continuing to seek safety as part of a broader flight to quality. The yield on 10-year Treasury issues, which fell to 3.34% in March 2008, climbed up to the 4.20% range in mid-June as investors temporarily shifted out of Treasury issues in favor of riskier assets (such as stocks and other high-quality fixed income sectors), then reversed course and declined to 3.99% by period-end when credit fears re-emerged.

Tax-exempt issues eked out gains for the reporting period, but underperformed their taxable counterparts, as the group continued to be pressured by problems among municipal bond insurers and the breakdown in the market for auction rate securities.

The major benchmark indexes generated results that largely reflected heightened investor risk aversion:

Total Returns as of June 30, 2008	6-month		12-month)
U.S. equities (S&P 500 Index)	(11.91)%	(13.12)%
Small cap U.S. equities (Russell 2000 Index)	(9.37)%	(16.19)%
International equities (MSCI Europe, Australasia, Far East				
Index)	(10.96)%	(10.61)%
Fixed income (Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index)	1.13	%	7.12	%
Tax-exempt fixed income (Lehman Brothers Municipal				
Bond Index)	0.02	%	3.23	%
High yield bonds (Lehman Brothers U.S. Corporate High				
Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index)	(1.08)%	(1.74)%

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Index performance shown for illustrative purposes only.

You cannot invest directly in an index.

As you navigate today s volatile markets, we encourage you to review your investment goals with your financial professional and to make portfolio changes, as needed. For more up-to-date commentary on the economy and financial markets, we invite you to visit www.blackrock.com/funds. As always, we thank you for entrusting BlackRock with your investment assets, and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Rob Kapito President, BlackRock Advisors, LLC Trust Summary as of June 30, 2008

BlackRock Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust

Investment Objective

BlackRock Insured Municipal 2008 Term Trust (BRM) (the Trusts) eks to provide monthly income that is exempt from regular federal income tax and to return \$15 per share (the initial offering price per share) to investors on or about December 31, 2008.

Performance

For the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Trust returned 1.49% based on market price and 1.49% based on net asset value (NAV). For the same period, the closed-end Lipper Insured Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category posted an average return of (3.26)% on a NAV basis. All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends. The portfolio is being managed to achieve the goal of returning \$15 per share on 12/31/2008, and is invested with a short duration. This, combined with high credit quality, was the primary driver of the Trust soutperformance during a period of rising long-term rates. Low reinvestment rates for maturing principal detracted from performance.

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Trust Information

Symbol on New York Stock Exchange BRM

Initial Offering Date September 18, 1992
Termination Date (on or about) December 31, 2008

Yield on Closing Market Price as of June 30, 2008 (\$14.99)¹

Tax Equivalent Yield²

Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share³

Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share³

\$0.0255

Yield on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price.

Past performance does not quarantee future results.

- 2 Tax equivalent yield assumes the maximum Federal tax rate of 35%.
- 3 The distribution rate is not constant and is subject to change.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Trust s market price and net asset value per share:

	6/30/08	12/31/07	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$14.99	\$15.03	(0.27)%	\$15.13	\$14.95
Net Asset Value	\$15.15	\$15.19	(0.26)%	\$15.28	\$15.13

The following charts show the portfolio composition and credit quality allocations of the Trust s long-term investments:

Portfolio Composition

Sector	6/30/	'08	12/3 ⁻	1/07
City, County & State	30	%	28	%
Power	23		26	
Industrial & Pollution Control	16		14	
Transportation	9		9	
Water & Sewer	7		2	
Lease Revenue	6		7	
Education	3		8	
Hospital	3		1	
Tax Revenue	3		5	

Credit Quality Allocations⁴

Credit Rating		6/30/	80	12/31	/07						
AAA/Aaa		45	%	100	%						
AA/Aa		55									
	4	Using	the hig	her of Sta	andard a	and Poor	s (S8	kP s) or Moody	s Investors	Service

(Moody s) ratings.

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Investment Objective

BlackRock Insured Municipal Term Trust (BMT) (the Trusts) eks to provide monthly income that is exempt from regular federal income tax and to return \$10 per share (the initial offering price per share) to investors on or about December 31, 2010.

Performance

For the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Trust returned 3.89% based on market price and 1.42% based on NAV. For the same period, the closed-end Lipper Insured Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category posted an average return of (3.26)% on a NAV basis. All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends. The portfolio is being managed to achieve a goal of returning \$10 per share on 12/31/2010, and is invested in shorter-term issues. This was the primary driver of the Trust s outperformance as long-term rates rose during the six months. Leverage was less efficient during the period, which detracted from performance.

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Trust Information

Symbol on New York Stock Exchange **BMT** Initial Offering Date February 20, 1992 Termination Date (on or about) December 31, 2010 Yield on Closing Market Price as of June 30, 2008 (\$10.05)¹ 3.63% Tax Equivalent Yield² 5.58% Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share³ \$0.030417 Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share³ \$0.365004 Leverage as of June 30, 20084 16%

- Yield on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price.
 Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- 2 Tax equivalent yield assumes the maximum Federal tax rate of 35%.
- 3 The distribution is not constant and is subject to change.
- As a percentage of total managed assets, which is the total assets of the Trust (including any assets attributable to Auction Market Preferred Shares (Preferred Shares) and Tender Option Bond Trusts (TOBs)) minus the sum of accrued liabilities.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Trust s market price and net asset value per share:

	6/30/08	12/31/07	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$10.05	\$ 9.85	2.03%	\$10.55	\$9.85
Net Asset Value	\$10.31	\$ 10.35	(0.39)%	\$10.59	\$10.29

The following charts show the portfolio composition and credit quality allocations of the Trust s long-term investments:

Portfolio Composition

Sector	6/30/	'08	12/3 ⁻	1/07
City, County & State	31	%	29	%
Education	17		18	
Power	17		14	
Water & Sewer	16		16	
Hospital	8		7	
Lease Revenue	6		7	
Transportation	4		7	
Tax Revenue	1		2	

Credit Quality Allocations⁵

Credit Rating	6/30/08	12/31/07
AAA/Aaa	36 %	100 %
AA/Aa	60	
A	2	
Not Rated	2 6	

- 5 Using the higher of S&P s or Moody s ratings.
- The investment advisor has deemed certain of these non-rated securities to be of investment grade quality. As of June 30, 2008, the market value of these securities was \$2,527,101 representing 1% of the Trust s long-term investments.

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Investment Objective

BlackRock Municipal 2018 Term Trust (BPK) (the Trusts) eks to provide monthly income that is exempt from regular federal income tax and to return \$15 per share (the initial offering price) to investors on or about December 31, 2018.

Performance

For the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Trust returned 2.10% based on market price and (3.04)% based on NAV. For the same period, the closed-end Lipper General Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category posted an average return of (3.00)% on a NAV basis. All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends. The Trust s shorter duration bias was a positive contributor to performance as long-term rates rose during the six months. Detracting from the Trust s relative performance was the asset allocation to lower-rated issues as the market experienced spread widening.

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Trust Information

Symbol on New York Stock Exchange	BPK
Initial Offering Date	October 26, 2001
Termination Date (on or about)	December 31, 2018
Yield on Closing Market Price as of June 30, 2008 (\$15.10) ¹	6.00%
Tax Equivalent Yield ²	9.23%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share ³	\$0.0755
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share ³	\$0.906
Leverage as of June 30, 2008 ⁴	38%

- Yield on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price.

 Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- 2 Tax equivalent yield assumes the maximum Federal tax rate of 35%.
- 3 The distribution is not constant and is subject to change.
- 4 As a percentage of total managed assets, which is the total managed assets of the Trust (including any assets attributable to Preferred Shares and TOBs), minus the sum of accrued liabilities.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Trust s market price and net asset value per share:

	6/30/08	12/31/07	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$15.10	\$ 15.22	(0.79)%	\$16.35	\$14.83
Net Asset Value	\$14.19	\$ 15.06	(5.78)%	\$15.47	\$14.10

The following charts show the portfolio composition and credit quality allocations of the Trust s long-term investments:

Portfolio Composition

Sector	6/30/08	12/31/07
Hospital	24 %	25 %
Industrial & Pollution Control	23	24
City, County & State	17	18
Housing	14	14
Education	6	6
Tax Revenue	5	5
Transportation	5	4
Lease Revenue	2	3
Water & Sewer	2	
Power	1	
Tobacco	1	1

Credit Quality Allocations⁵

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Credit Rating	6/30/08	12/31/07
AAA/Aaa	15 %	27 %
AA/Aa	23	11
Α	14	18
BBB/Baa	25	26
BB/Ba	2	2
В	4	8
CCC/Caa	3	
Not Rated ⁶	14	8

- 5 Using the higher of S&P s or Moody s ratings.
- The investment advisor has deemed certain of these non-rated securities to be of investment grade quality. As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the market value of these securities was \$6,691,519 representing 2% and \$5,534,635 representing 2%, respectively, of the Trust s long-term investments.

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Investment Objective

BlackRock Municipal 2020 Term Trust (BKK) (the Trusts) eks to provide current income exempt from regular federal income tax and to return \$15 per share (the initial public offering price) on or about December 31, 2020.

Performance

For the six months ended June 30, 2008, the Trust returned 3.94% based on market price and (3.59)% based on NAV. For the same period, the closed-end Lipper General Municipal Debt Funds (Leveraged) category posted an average return of (3.00)% on a NAV basis. All returns reflect reinvestment of dividends. Detracting from the Trust s relative performance was the asset allocation to lower-rated issues as the market experienced spread widening. The Trust s intermediate duration bias was a positive contributor during a period of rising long-term rates.

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Trust Information

Symbol on New York Stock Exchange	BKK
Initial Offering Date	September 30, 2003
Termination Date (on or about)	December 31, 2020
Yield on Closing Market Price as of June 30, 2008 (\$13.78) ¹	5.42%
Tax Equivalent Yield ²	8.34%
Current Monthly Distribution per Common Share ³	\$0.06225
Current Annualized Distribution per Common Share ³	\$0.747
Leverage as of June 30, 2008 ⁴	39%

- Yield on closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price.
 Past performance does not guarantee future results.
- 2 Tax equivalent yield assumes the maximum Federal tax rate of 35%.
- 3 The distribution is not constant and is subject to change.
- 4 As a percentage of total managed assets, which is the total managed assets of the Trust (including any assets attributable to Preferred Shares and TOBs), minus the sum of accrued liabilities.

The table below summarizes the changes in the Trust s market price and net asset value per share:

	6/30/08	12/31/07	Change	High	Low
Market Price	\$13.78	\$ 13.60	1.32%	\$15.14	\$13.25
Net Asset Value	\$ 13.90	\$ 14.79	(6.02)%	\$15.25	\$13.69

The following charts show the portfolio composition and credit quality allocations of the Trust s long-term investments:

Portfolio Composition

Sector	6/30/08	12/31/07
City, County & State	20 %	22 %
Hospitals	19	17
Industrial & Pollution Control	15	17
Tobacco	9	11
Power	8	7
Education	8	8
Housing	7	7
Transportation	6	5
Tax Revenue	6	6
Water & Sewer	1	
Lease Revenue	1	

Credit Quality Allocations⁵

Credit Rating	6/30/08	12/31/07
AAA/Aaa	16 %	30 %
AA/Aa	19	10
Α	15	12
BBB/Baa	27	29
BB/Ba	1	1
В	4	6
CCC/Caa	1	
Not Rated ⁶	17	12

- 5 Using the higher of S&P s or Moody s ratings.
- The investment advisor has deemed certain of these non-rated securities to be of investment grade quality. As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the market value of these securities was \$2,865,569 representing 1% and \$2,963,570 representing 1%, respectively, of the Trust s long-term investments.