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JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND ENTERS INTO NEW LIQUIDITY FACILITY

BOSTON, MA (June 18, 2015) – John Hancock Financial Opportunities Fund (NYSE: BTO) (the “Fund”), a John Hancock closed-end fund that utilizes leverage, announced today that it entered into a new liquidity facility with State Street Bank and Trust Company, a subsidiary of State Street Corporation (“State Street”). The new liquidity facility replaces the facility with the previous credit facility provider.

The new liquidity facility agreement with State Street provides the Fund the opportunity to obtain investment leverage through a line of credit and/or through securities lending. Additional information about the Fund or its use of leverage can be found in the Fund’s annual and semi-annual shareholder reports, which are available on the Funds’ website at www.jhfunds.com. Information about the new liquidity facility agreement will be available in the Fund’s next annual shareholder report.

In order to facilitate obtaining leverage through securities lending, the Fund has amended its investment policy regarding securities lending to clarify that cash collateral received in connection with securities lending transactions may be invested in any investment that is consistent with the Fund’s investment objective, policies, and limitations.

The Fund is managed by John Hancock Advisers, LLC and subadvised by John Hancock Asset Management (U.S.) LLC, a division of Manulife Asset Management.

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements as defined by the United States securities laws. You should exercise caution in interpreting and relying on forward-looking statements because they are subject to uncertainties and other factors which are, in some cases, beyond the Fund’s control and could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

An investor should consider a Fund’s investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing.

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