

BLACKROCK DEBT STRATEGIES FUND, INC.  
Form SC TO-I/A  
April 18, 2018

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 17, 2018

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE TO

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TENDER OFFER STATEMENT

(Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc.

(Names of Filing Person(s) (Issuer))

Shares of Common Beneficial Interest, Par Value \$0.10 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

09255R202

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

John Perlowski

BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc.

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Person(s))

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Value	Amount of Filing Fee
\$73,114,807.55(a)	\$9,102.79(b)

(a) Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of the filing fee only. The amount is based upon the offer to purchase up to 5,879,192 shares of common stock in the offer based upon a price of \$12.44 (98% of the net asset value per share on March 12, 2018).

(b) Calculated at \$124.50 per \$1,000,000 of the Transaction Value, pursuant to Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the [X] offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: \$9,102.79  
Form or Registration No.: SC-TO-I  
Filing Party: BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc.  
Date Filed: March 16, 2018

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 (“Amendment No. 1”) amends and supplements the Issuer Tender Offer Statement on the Schedule TO initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 16, 2018 by BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc., a diversified, closed-end management investment company organized as a Maryland corporation (the “Fund”), pursuant to Rule 13e-4 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), in connection with an offer by the Fund (the “Offer”) to repurchase 10% of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the “Shares”), in exchange for cash at a price equal to 98% of the net asset value per Share determined as of the close of the regular trading session of the New York Stock Exchange, the principal market on which the Shares are traded, on the business day immediately following the day the Offer expires, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated March 16, 2018 (the “Offer to Repurchase”), and in the related Letter of Transmittal.

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the requirements pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c)(3) of the Exchange Act.

The information in the Offer to Repurchase and the Letter of Transmittal, previously filed with the Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively, is incorporated by reference into this Amendment No. 1 in answer to Items 1 through 9 and Item 11 of the Schedule TO.

Item 10. Financial Statements

Not applicable.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following exhibit:

(a)(5)(iii) Press Release dated April 17, 2018.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ John M. Perlowski  
Name: John M. Perlowski  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 17, 2018

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Exhibit Index

- (a)(1)(i) Offer to Purchase, dated March 16, 2018 (1)
- (a)(1)(ii) Form of Letter of Transmittal (1)
- (a)(2) None.
- (a)(3) Not Applicable.
- (a)(4) Not Applicable.
- (a)(5)(i) Press release issued on March 1, 2018 (2)
- (a)(5)(ii) Press release issued on March 16, 2018 (1)
- (a)(5)(iii) Press release issued on April 17, 2018\*
- (b) None.
- (d)(1) Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (3)
- (d)(2) Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement between the Registrant and BlackRock Advisors, LLC (3)
- (d)(3) Second Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan (3)
- (d)(4) Transfer Agency and Service Agreement, Side Agreement and Fee Letter between the Registrant and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. and Computershare Inc. (4)
- (d)(5) Administrative Services Agreement between the Registrant and State Street (3)
- (d)(6) Credit Agreement between the Registrant and State Street (5)
- (d)(7) Amendment No. 3 to the Credit Agreement between the Registrant and State Street (3)
- (d)(8) Form of Amendment No. 4 to the Credit Agreement between the Registrant and State Street (6)
- (g) None.
- (h) None.

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\* Filed herewith.

- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Schedule TO-I, as filed with the SEC on March 16, 2018.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Schedule TO-C, as filed with the SEC on March 1, 2018.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the corresponding Exhibits to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the SEC on June 11, 2014.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to the corresponding Exhibit to Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the SEC on May 22, 2015.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits 13(a)-(d) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-14, as filed with the SEC on September 9, 2013.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to the corresponding Exhibits to Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2, as filed with the SEC on October 9, 2014.