## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 Release No. 30030 / April 10, 2012

In the Matter of

COLUMBIA FUNDS MASTER INVESTMENT TRUST, LLC

COLUMBIA FUNDS SERIES TRUST

COLUMBIA FUNDS SERIES TRUST I

COLUMBIA FUNDS SERIES TRUST II

COLUMBIA FUNDS VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST

COLUMBIA FUNDS VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST I

COLUMBIA FUNDS VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST II

COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT ADVISERS, LLC

COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

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## ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(c) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM RULE 12d1-2(a) UNDER THE ACT

Columbia Funds Master Investment Trust, LLC; Columbia Funds Series Trust; Columbia Funds Series Trust I; Columbia Funds Variable Insurance Trust; Columbia Funds Variable Insurance Trust I; Columbia Funds Variable Series Trust II; Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC; and Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. filed an application on September 8, 2011, and an amendment to the application on February 28, 2012 requesting an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") granting an exemption from rule 12d1-2(a) under the Act. The order permits open-end management investment companies relying on rule 12d1-2 under the Act to invest in certain financial instruments.

On March 13, 2012, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 29980). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order granting the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered, and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that granting the requested exemption is appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, that the exemption under section 6(c) of the Act from rule 12d1-2(a) under the Act requested by Columbia Funds Master Investment Trust, LLC et al. (File No. 812-13955) is granted, effective immediately, subject to the condition contained in the application.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary