

DIVIDEND NOTICE

THE GABELLI EQUITY INCOME FUND

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rye, NY

February 25, 2002

The Gabelli Equity Income Fund (GABEX-Nasdaq) will distribute a quarterly dividend from net investment income of \$0.06 per share payable March 26, 2001 to shareholders of record on March 25, 2002. The ex-dividend, payment and reinvestment date is March 26, 2002.

The Gabelli Equity Income Fund is a no-load open-end, diversified management investment company which seeks a high level of total return by investing primarily in income producing equity securities.

The Gabelli Funds are distributed by Gabelli & Company, Inc., a subsidiary of Gabelli Asset Management Inc., which is a publicly traded NYSE listed company.

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