PRICING SUPPLEMENT Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) _____ Registration No. 333-132911 (To MTN prospectus supplement, general prospectus supplement and prospectus, each dated March 31, 2006) Pricing Supplement Number: 2561 <TABLE> <CAPTION> Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Medium-Term Notes, Series C Due Nine Months or More from Date of Issue Floating Rate Notes <S> <C> $\langle C \rangle$ <C> Original Issue Date: Principal Amount: \$875,000,000 July 25, 2006 CUSIP Number: 59018YXY2 Stated Maturity Date: July 25, 2011 ISIN: US59018YXY23 Issue Price: 100% Interest Calculation: Day Count Convention: _____ /x/ Regular Floating Rate Note /x/ Actual/360 / / 30/360 / / Actual/Actual / / Inverse Floating Rate Note (Fixed Interest Rate): Interest Rate Basis: /x/ LIBOR / / Commercial Paper Rate / / CMT Rate / / Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate / / Prime Rate // CD Bate / / Federal Funds Rate / / Other (see attached) / / Treasury Rate Designated LIBOR Page: Designated CMT Page: CMT Moneyline Telerate Page: LIBOR MoneylineTelerate Page: 3750 LIBOR Reuters Page: Three Months Index Maturity: Minimum Interest Rate: Not Applicable 0.2000% Maximum Interest Rate: Spread: Not Applicable Initial Interest Rate: Calculated as if the Original Issue Spread Multiplier: Not Applicable Date was an Interest Reset Date Quarterly, on the 25th of October, January, April and July, commencing on Interest Reset Dates: October 25th, 2006, subject to modified following Business Day convention. Quarterly, on the 25th of October, January, April and July, commencing on October 25th, 2006, subject to modified following Business Day convention. Interest Payment Dates: Repayment at the Option of the Holder: The Notes cannot be repaid prior to the Stated Maturity Date. Redemption at the Option of the Company: The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to the Stated Maturity Date. Form: The Notes will be issued in fully registered book-entry form. As described in the accompanying general prospectus supplement, upon issuance, all of the Notes will be represented by one or more fully registered global Notes. Each global Note will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, otherwise known as DTC, or any successor to it (the "depository"), as depositary, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's partnership nominee.

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it is exchanged in whole or in part for Notes in definitive form, no global Note transferred except as a whole by the depository to a nominee of the depository or the depository to the depository or another nominee of the depository or by the nominee to a successor of the depository or a nominee of its successor. Investors hold interests in the global Notes through either the depository, in the United Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"), or Euroclear Bank operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear"), if they are participants in these indirectly through organizations which are participants in these systems. Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their customers' securities accounts in Clearstream, Luxembourg's and Euroclear's names their respective depositaries, which in turn will hold interests in customers' in the depositaries' names on the books of the depository. At the present time, acts as U.S. depositary for Clearstream, Luxembourg and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. depositary for Euroclear (each a "U.S. Depositary"). Beneficial interests in the will be held in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof. Except as or in the accompanying general prospectus supplement, the global securities may be whole but not in part, only to another nominee of the depository or to a successor depository or its nominee.

Clearstream, Luxembourg advises that it is incorporated under the laws of professional depositary. Clearstream, Luxembourg holds securities for its organizations ("Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants") and facilitates the settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants, eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream, Luxembourg Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and lending and borrowing. Clearstream, Luxembourg interfaces with domestic markets in countries. As a professional depositary, Clearstream, Luxembourg is subject to Luxembourg Monetary Institute. Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants are recognized institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream, Luxembourg is also available to banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a relationship with a Clearstream, Luxembourg Participant either directly or

Distributions with respect to the Notes held beneficially through Clearstream, be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants in accordance rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. Depositary for

Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants ("Euroclear Participants") and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending
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depository on Euroclear Participants, depository's rules on Depositary; however, relevant European its rules and European requirements, deliver its behalf by accordance Participants may not and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System (the "Euroclear under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative (the "Cooperative").

The Euroclear Operator conducts all operations, and all Euroclear securities and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly. Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the "Terms and and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of or persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions with respect to notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and received by the U.S. Depositary for Euroclear.

Secondary market trading between depository participants will occur in the ordinary accordance with the depository's rules. Secondary market trading between Participants and Euroclear Participants will occur in the ordinary way in applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in immediately

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through the the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream Luxembourg or on the other, will be effected within the depository in accordance with the behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by its U.S. such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement instructions to its U.S. Depositary to take action to effect final settlement on delivering or receiving notes in the depository, and making or receiving payment in with normal procedures. Clearstream Luxembourg Participants and Euroclear deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. Depositaries. Because of time-zone differences, credits of notes received in Clearstream,

Luxembourg or

Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a depository participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the depository settlement date. Such credits, or any transactions in the notes settled during such processing, will be reported to the relevant Euroclear Participants or Clearstream Luxembourg Participants on that business day. Cash received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear as a result of sales of notes by or through a Clearstream Luxembourg Participant or a Euroclear Participant to a depository participant will be received with value on the business day of settlement in the depository but will be available in the relevant Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in the depository. Although the depository, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of securities among participants of the depository, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and they may discontinue the procedures at any time. All information in this pricing supplement on Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear is derived from Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear, as the case may be, and reflects the policies of these organizations; and these policies are subject to change without notice. Trustee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Underwriters: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S"), Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. (the "Underwriters"), are acting as principals in this transaction. MLPF&S is acting as the Lead Underwriter. Pursuant to an agreement, dated July 19th, 2006 (the "Agreement"), between Merrill Lvnch & Co., Inc. (the "Company") and the Underwriters, the Company has agreed to sell to each of the Underwriters and each of the Underwriters has severally and not jointly agreed to purchase the principal amount of Notes set forth opposite its name below: Underwriters Principal Amount of the Notes _____ _____ _____ Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith \$857,500,000 Incorporated Fifth Third Securities, Inc. \$8,750,000 Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. \$8,750,000 Total \$875,000,000 Pursuant to the Agreement, the obligations of the Underwriters are subject to certain conditions and the Underwriters are committed to take and pay for all of the Notes, if any are taken. The Underwriters have advised the Company that they propose initially to offer all or part of the Notes directly to the public at the Issue Price listed above. After the initial public offering, the Issue Price may be changed. The Company has agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Underwriting Discount: 0.3500% July 19, 2006 Dated: </TABLE>