SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 14, 2007

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

| Delaware | 1-7182 | 13-2740599 |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction of | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| Incorporation) | | |
| 4 World Financial Center, New York, No | ew York | 10080 |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offi | ces) | (Zip Code) |
| Regi | strant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 44 | 9-1000 |
| (Fo | rmer Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last R | eport.) |
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We are making the following disclosure in anticipation of the closing of Merrill Lynch's acquisition of First Republic Bank, which is scheduled for September 21, 2007.

As we stated in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 29, 2007: "While the outlook for growth in most global businesses in which we operate remains strong, the challenging market conditions in certain credit markets that existed during the first half of 2007 have intensified in the beginning of the third quarter. Characteristics of this environment include increased volatility, wider credit spreads, reduced price transparency, lower levels of liquidity, and rating agency downgrades. These factors have impacted and may continue to impact the sub-prime mortgage market, including certain collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), as well as other structured credit products and components of the leveraged finance origination market. Merrill Lynch continues to be a major participant in these markets with risk exposures through cash positions, loans, derivatives and commitments. Given current market conditions, significant risk remains that could adversely impact these exposures and results of operations. We continue our disciplined risk management efforts to proactively execute market strategies to manage our overall portfolio of positions and exposures with respect to market, credit and liquidity risks."

Credit market conditions have continued to remain challenging in the third quarter, and the firm, as part of its regular accounting processes, has made requisite fair value valuation adjustments as appropriate to certain of these exposures, which are reflected in our third quarter to date results.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.
(Registrant)

By: s/ Richard B. Alsop

Richard B. Alsop Vice President

Date: September 14, 2007