

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

OMB APPROVAL

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

(Last) (First) (Middle)

World Financial Center - North Tower - 250 Vesey Street

(Street)

New York, NY 10281

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
(Month/Day/Year)
4/30/97

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
#13-5674085

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ithaca Industries, Inc.

5. Relationship of Reporting to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
Director /x/ 10% Owner
Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)*

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing (Check Applicable Line)
- Form filed by One Reporting Person
- Form filed by More than One Reporting Person /X/

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

- Title of Security (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value
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- Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)
1,252,080
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- Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
D
I
- Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities
beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Responses) SEC 1473(8-92)

Table II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS,
WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
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3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security
5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Explanation of Responses:

* The Common Stock has been acquired by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S"), a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co."), pursuant to an order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, dated November 22, 1996, confirming the Prepackaged Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Ithaca Industries, Inc. ("Ithaca") under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Plan") in satisfaction of certain claims against Ithaca. The Plan became effective December 16, 1996.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
April 29, 1997

/s/ Richard B. Alsop	April 30, 1997
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Richard B. Alsop	Date
Attorney-In-Fact	

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. SEC 1473(8-92)

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

JOINT FILER INFORMATION

Name: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Address: World Financial Center - North Tower
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281

Designated Filer: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Issuer & Ticker Symbol: Ithaca Industries, Inc.

Date of Event

Requiring Statement: April 30, 1997

Signature:	/s/ Richard B. Alsop

	Richard B. Alsop*
	Attorney-In-Fact

* Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated November 17, 1995, included as Exhibit B to the Schedule 13G filed by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. for Walden Residential Properties, Inc. and incorporated herein by reference.