

UNITED STATES
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): March 9, 2005

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-7182	13-2740599
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10080

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 449-1000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 3.03. Material Modifications to Rights of Security Holders.

Upon issuance of the Series 2 Preferred Stock defined and referenced in Item 5.03 below, and as more fully described in the Certificate of Designations relating to the Series 2 Preferred Stock, the ability of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Company") to pay dividends on, make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire, or make a liquidation payment on its common stock and on other preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Series 2 Preferred Stock, will be subject to certain restrictions in the event that it does not declare dividends on the Series 2 Preferred Stock during any dividend period.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On March 9, 2005, the Company filed a Certificate of Designations to its Restated Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, setting forth the terms of the Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2 of the Company (the "Series 2 Preferred Stock").

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Exhibits are filed herewith in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-122639) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering preferred stock issuable pursuant to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The Company shall issue depositary shares, each representing a 1/1200th interest in a share of Series 2 Preferred Stock. The exhibits consist of the Underwriting Agreement, the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Certificate of Designations related to the Company's Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 1, the Certificate of Designations related to the Series 2 Preferred Stock and an opinion of counsel.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements Exhibits.

EXHIBITS

- (1) Underwriting Agreement, among the Registrant and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, on its own behalf and as Representative of the several underwriters named therein, dated as of March 7, 2005.
- (3.1) Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, effective as of May 3, 2001.
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- (5) & (23) Opinion of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP relating to the Series 2 Preferred Stock (including consent for inclusion of such opinion in this report and in the Registrant's Registration Statement relating to such securities).

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, thereto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.
(Registrant)

By: _____ /s/ Judith A. Witterschein
Judith A. Witterschein
Secretary

Date: March 9, 2005

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MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

**EXHIBITS TO CURRENT REPORT ON
FORM 8-K DATED MARCH 9, 2005**

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MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

(a Delaware corporation)

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT FOR
DEPOSITARY SHARES REPRESENTING PREFERRED STOCK

Dated: March 7, 2005

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MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.
(a Delaware corporation)
Depository Shares Representing Preferred Stock
UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

March 7, 2005

To the Representative named in Schedule I hereto
of the Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), confirms its agreement with each of the Underwriters (as hereinafter defined) (i) with respect to the sale by the Company and purchase by the Underwriters of an aggregate of 40,800,000 depository shares, each representing 1/1200th of one share of the Company's perpetual Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2 (the "Preferred Stock"), having the terms described in Schedule II hereto, and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of said depository shares set forth in Schedule I hereto and (ii) with respect to the grant by the Company to the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the option described in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any part of 6,120,000 additional depository shares, each representing 1/1200th of one share of Preferred Stock, to cover over-allotments. The aforesaid depository shares (the "Initial Shares") to be purchased by the Underwriters and all or any part of the depository shares subject to the option described in Section 2(b) hereof (the "Option Shares") are hereinafter referred to as the "Shares." As used herein, the term "Preferred Shares" shall be deemed to mean the shares of Preferred Stock represented by the Shares.

The Preferred Shares will be deposited pursuant to a deposit agreement (the "Deposit Agreement") to be entered into among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as depository (the "Depository") and the holders from time to time of the depository receipts (the "Depository Receipts") to be issued by the Depository thereunder and evidencing the Shares.

The term "Underwriters" as used herein shall be deemed to mean the several persons, firms or corporations so named (including the Representative hereinafter mentioned, if so named, and any Underwriters substituted pursuant to Section 10), and the term "Representative" as so used herein shall be deemed to mean the representative or representatives named in Schedule I hereto.

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-3 No. 333-122639 (the "Initial Registration Statement") for the registration of the preferred stock and depository shares representing interests therein, including the Shares, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and the offering thereof from time to time in accordance with Rule 415 of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act Regulations"),

and has filed such amendments thereto as may have been required to the date hereof. The Initial Registration Statement has been declared effective by the Commission. The Initial Registration Statement (as so amended, if applicable), including the information, if any, deemed to be a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430A(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations (the "Rule 430A Information") or Rule 434(d) of the 1933 Act Regulations (the "Rule 434 Information"), are referred to herein as the "Registration Statement"; and the final prospectus and the final prospectus supplement relating to the offering of the Shares, in the form first furnished to the Underwriters by the Company for use in connection with the offering of the Shares, are collectively referred to herein as the "Prospectus"; provided, however, that all references to the "Registration Statement" and the "Prospectus" shall also be deemed to include all documents incorporated therein by reference which have been filed pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), prior to the execution of the applicable Terms Agreement; provided, further, that if the Company (i) files a registration statement with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations (the "Rule 462 Registration Statement"), then, after such filing, all references to "Registration Statement" shall thereafter also be deemed to include the Rule 462 Registration Statement; (ii) files a registration statement or registration statements with the Commission registering additional securities under the 1933 Act which securities may be issued and sold pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (each, a "Subsequent Registration Statement"), then after effectiveness of such Subsequent Registration Statement, all references to "Registration Statement" shall thereafter be deemed to refer to the Initial Registration Statement and/or the Subsequent Registration Statement (each as so amended, if applicable, and including any Rule 430A Information, Rule 434 Information or Rule 462 Registration Statement), as the case may be; and (iii) elects to rely upon Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, then all references to "Prospectus" shall also be deemed to include the final or preliminary prospectus and the applicable term sheet or abbreviated term sheet (the "Term Sheet"), as the case may be, in the form furnished to the Underwriters by the Company in reliance upon Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, and all references in this Agreement to the date of the Prospectus shall mean the date of the Term Sheet. The term "preliminary prospectus" shall mean any prospectus used before the registration statement became effective and any prospectus that omitted, as applicable, the Rule 430A Information, the Rule 434 Information or other information to be included upon pricing in a form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations, that was used after such effectiveness and prior to the execution and delivery of the applicable Terms Agreement. For purposes of this Underwriting Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, Prospectus, Term Sheet or preliminary prospectus or to any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include any copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("EDGAR").

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is "contained," "included" or "stated" (or other references of like import) in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus, as the case may be; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the 1934 Act which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, Prospectus or preliminary prospectus, as the case may be.

Section 1. Representation and Warranties.

(a) *Representations and Warranties by the Company.* The Company represents and warrants to each of the Underwriters as of the date hereof, and as of the relevant Closing Time (as defined below) and as of each Date of Delivery (as defined below), if any (in each case, a “Representation Date”), as follows:

(1) Compliance with Registration Requirements. The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act. The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, are contemplated by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information has been complied with.

At the respective times the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto (including the filing of the Company’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Commission subsequent to the date the Registration Statement became effective (the “Annual Report on Form 10-K”)) became effective and at each Representation Date, the Registration Statement and any amendments and supplements thereto complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations, and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. At the date of the Prospectus and at the Closing Time (and if any Option Shares are purchased the Date of Delivery), the Prospectus and any amendments and supplements thereto did not and will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. If Rule 434 is used, the Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 434. The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or the Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any Underwriter through Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (“Merrill Lynch”) expressly for use in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

Each preliminary prospectus and prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement as originally filed or as part of any amendment thereto, or filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the 1933 Act, complied when so filed in all material respects with the 1933 Act Regulations and each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Shares will, at the time of such delivery, be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(2) Incorporated Documents. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1934 Act and the

rules and regulations thereunder (the “1934 Act Regulations”), and, when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, do not, and at the Closing Time (and if any Option Shares are purchased the Date of Delivery) will not, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(3) No Material Adverse Change in Business. Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein or contemplated thereby, there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business.

(b) *Officer's Certificate*. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and delivered to the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of Shares shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each of the Underwriters as to the matters set forth in such certificate as of the date of such certificate and, unless subsequently amended or supplemented, at each Representation Date subsequent thereto.

Section 2. Sale and Delivery to Underwriters: Closing

(a) *Initial Shares*. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby agrees to sell to each Underwriter, and each Underwriter, acting severally and not jointly, hereby agrees to purchase from the Company, at the purchase price per Initial Share set forth in Schedule II hereto, the number of Initial Shares set forth in Schedule I opposite the name of such Underwriter.

(b) *Option Shares*. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby grants to the Underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 6,120,000 depositary shares at the Share Purchase Price referred to in this Section 2(b), less an amount per Option Share equal to any dividends declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Shares but not payable on the Option Shares. Such option shall expire 30 days from the date hereof, and may be exercised in whole or in part from time to time only for the purpose of covering over-allotments in connection with the offering and distribution of the Initial Shares upon notice by the Representative to the Company setting forth the number of Option Shares as to which the several Underwriters are then exercising the option and the time and date of payment and delivery for such Option Shares. Any such time and date of delivery (a “Date of Delivery”) shall be determined by the Representative, but shall not be later than seven full business days and not earlier than two full business days after the exercise of said option, nor in any event prior to the Closing Time, unless otherwise agreed between the Representative and the Company. If

the option is exercised as to all or any portion of the Option Shares, each of the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, shall purchase that proportion of the total number of Option Shares then being purchased which the total number of Initial Shares set forth in Schedule I opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Initial Shares, subject in each case to such adjustments as the Representative in its discretion shall make to eliminate any sale or purchases of fractional shares.

(c) *Payment.* Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of the certificates representing, the Initial Shares to be purchased by the Underwriters shall be made at the offices of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company, at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on the fifth business day (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10) following the date hereof or such other time as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company (each such time and date being referred to as a "Closing Time"). In addition, in the event that any or all of the Option Shares are purchased by the Underwriters, payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of the certificates representing, such Option Shares shall be made at the above-mentioned office of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, or at such other place as may be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company, on each Date of Delivery as specified in the notice from the Representative to the Company.

Payment shall be made to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds to a bank account designated by the Company, against delivery to Merrill Lynch for its account or, if applicable, for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of the Shares to be purchased by them (unless such Shares are issuable only in the form of one or more global securities registered in the name of a depository or a nominee of a depository, in which event the Underwriters' interest in such global certificate shall be noted in a manner satisfactory to the Underwriters and their counsel). It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized Merrill Lynch, for its account, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Initial Shares and the Option Shares, if any, which it has severally agreed to purchase. Merrill Lynch, individually and not as representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the purchase price for the Initial Shares or the Option Shares, if any, to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

(d) *Denominations; Registration.* Certificates for the Initial Shares and the Option Shares, if any, shall be in such denominations and registered in such names as Merrill Lynch may request in writing at least one full business day prior to the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, if any. The certificates for the Initial Shares and the Option Shares, if any, will be made available for examination and packaging by Merrill Lynch in The City of New York not later than 10:00 A.M. (Eastern time) on the business day prior to the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be.

Section 3. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with each of the Underwriters as follows:

(a) *Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests*. The Company, subject to Section 3(b), will comply with the requirements of Rule 430A of the 1933 Act Regulations and/or Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, if and as applicable, and will notify Merrill Lynch as soon as reasonably possible of (i) the effectiveness of any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or the filing of any supplement or amendment to the Prospectus, (ii) the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Sharers for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes. The Company will promptly effect the filings necessary pursuant to Rule 424 of the 1933 Act Regulations and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the Prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424 was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file the Prospectus. The Company will make reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) *Notice of Filing Amendments*. The Company will give the Representative notice of its intention to file any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus, whether pursuant to the 1934 Act, the 1933 Act or otherwise, will furnish the Representative with copies of any such amendment or supplement or other documents proposed to be filed a reasonable time in advance of such proposed filing or use, and will not file any such amendment or supplement or other documents or use any such prospectus in a form to which the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters shall object.

(c) *Delivery of Registration Statements*. The Company has furnished or will deliver to Merrill Lynch and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, upon written request, signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, and will also deliver to Merrill Lynch, without charge, a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters. Copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S T.

(d) *Delivery of Prospectuses*. The Company will deliver to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter may

reasonably request, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(e)*Continued Compliance with Securities Laws.* The Company will comply with the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Shares as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. If at any time when the Prospectus is required by the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Shares, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, which the Company may request to be in writing, to amend the Registration Statement in order that the Registration Statement will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order that the Prospectus will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, or if it shall be necessary, in the opinion of such counsel, which the Company may request to be in writing, at any such time to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will promptly prepare and file with the Commission, subject to Section 3(b), such amendment or supplement as may be reasonably necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement or the Prospectus comply with such requirements, and the Company will furnish to the Underwriters, without charge, such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(f)*Blue Sky Qualifications.* The Company will use reasonable efforts, in cooperation with the Representative, to qualify the Shares for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as the Representative may request, and will maintain such qualifications in effect for as long as may be required for the distribution of the Shares, provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject. The Company will file such statements and reports as may be required by the laws of each jurisdiction in which the Shares have been qualified as above provided.

(g) *Earnings Statement.* The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its

securityholders as soon as reasonably practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

(h) *Reporting Requirements.* The Company, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, will file promptly all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.

(i) *Listing.* The Company will use all reasonable efforts to effect the listing of the Shares on the national securities exchange or exchanges specified in Schedule II.

Section 4. Payment of Expenses. (a) *Expenses.* The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the printing and filing of the Registration Statement as originally filed and all amendments thereto, and the printing of this Agreement, the Deposit Agreement and such other documents as may be required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale, issuance or delivery of the Shares, (ii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the Shares, any certificates for the Shares to the Underwriters, including any transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Shares to the Underwriters, (iii) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel, accountants and other advisers or agents (including transfer agents and registrars), (iv) the qualification of the Shares under state securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(f), including filing fees and the fee and disbursements of the Company's counsel in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of any Blue Sky Survey, (v) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters in quantities as hereinabove stated of copies of the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto, each preliminary prospectus and of the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, (vi) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of the Blue Sky Survey, (vii) the fees of rating agencies, (viii) the fees and expenses, if any, incurred in connection with the listing of the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange or any other national securities exchange, and (ix) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters in connection with, the review, if any, by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") of the terms of the sale of the Shares.

(b) *Termination of Agreement.* If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 or Section 9(a)(i), the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters.

Section 5. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase Shares pursuant hereto at the Closing Time or on the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company contained in Section 1, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company's officers made in any or in certificates of the Company or any of its subsidiaries furnished pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by

the Company of all of its covenants and other obligations hereunder and to the following further conditions:

(a) *Effectiveness of Registration Statement.* The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been initiated or be pending or threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters. A prospectus containing information relating to the description of the Shares, the specific method of distribution and similar matters shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5), as applicable (or any required post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and declared effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430A), or, if the Company has elected to rely upon Rule 434 of the 1933 Act Regulations, a Term Sheet including the Rule 434 Information shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b)(7).

(b) *Opinion of Counsel for Company.* At the Closing Time, the Representative shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of the Closing Time, of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters, to the effect set forth in Exhibit A hereto and to such further effect as counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(c) *Officers' Certificate.* At the Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representative shall have received a certificate of the Chairman of the Board, the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller or the Vice President and Finance Director (Principal Accounting Officer) of the Company, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Section 1 are true and correct with the same force and effect as though made at and as of the Closing Time, (iii) the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to Closing Time and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened by the Commission.

(d) *Accountant's Comfort Letter.* The Representative shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP a letter in the form and substance satisfactory to the Representative together with signed or reproduced copies for each of the other Underwriters, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in

accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. Additionally, the Representative shall have received a corporate reporting certificate from the Corporate Controller and the First Vice President Corporate Reporting of the Company, dated as of the Closing Time, in the form and substance satisfactory to the Representative.

(e) *Approval of Listing.* At Closing Time, the Shares shall have been approved for listing, subject only to official notice of issuance.

(f) *No Objection.* The NASD shall not have raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements.

(g) *Conditions to Purchase Option Shares.* In the event that the Underwriters exercise the option granted in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any portion of the Option Shares, the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein and the statements in any certificates furnished by the Company hereunder shall be true and correct as of each Date of Delivery and, at each the relevant Date of Delivery, the Representative shall have received:

(i) *Officer's Certificate.* A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of the Chairman of the Board, the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller or the Vice President and Finance Director (Principal Accounting Officer) of the Company confirming that the certificate delivered at the Closing Time pursuant to Section 5(c) hereof remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.

(ii) *Opinion of Counsel for Company.* The favorable opinion of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Shares to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(b) hereof.

(h) *Additional Documents.* At the Closing Time or Date of Delivery, as the case may be, counsel shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Shares as herein contemplated and related proceedings or in order to evidence the accuracy and completeness of any of the representations and warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representative.

(i) *Termination of Agreement.* If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement, or, in the case of any condition to the purchase of Option Shares on a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, the obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase the relevant Option Shares, may be terminated by the Representative by notice to the

Company at any time at or prior to the Closing Time or such Date of Delivery, as the case may be, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 and except that Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 shall survive any termination and remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Indemnification.

(a) *Indemnification of Underwriters.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information and the Rule 434 Information deemed to be a part thereof, if applicable, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to 6(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representative), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through Merrill Lynch expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) including the Rule 430A Information and the Rule 434

Insofar as this indemnity may permit indemnification for liabilities under the 1933 Act of any person who is a partner of an Underwriter or who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act and who is a director, officer of the Company or controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act, such indemnity agreement is subject to the undertaking of the Company in the Registration Statement.

(b) *Indemnification of Company, Directors and Officers.* Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter, through Merrill Lynch, expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

(c) *Actions against Parties; Notification.* Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(a) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by Merrill Lynch, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(b) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, except that the Company shall be liable for the fees and expenses of one counsel representing Merrill Lynch and the persons controlling Merrill Lynch and one counsel representing all other Underwriters and the persons controlling them. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 6 or

Section 7 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) *Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse.* If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested in writing an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 6(a)(2) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received written notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such written request prior to the date of such settlement.

Section 7. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 6 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, from the offering of the Shares pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and of the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Shares pursuant to the applicable Terms Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of such Shares (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, or, if Rule 434 is used, the corresponding location on the Term Sheet bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of such Shares as set forth on such cover.

The relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 7. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 7 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 7, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of the Initial Shares set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule I, and not joint.

Section 8. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive Delivery. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement, or contained in certificates of officers of the Company submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any termination of this Agreement, or any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or controlling person, or by or on behalf of the Company, and shall survive delivery of any Shares to the Underwriters.

Section 9. Termination. (a) This Agreement may be terminated by the Representative, immediately upon notice to the Company, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time (i) if there has been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or in the international

financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of Merrill Lynch, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Shares, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or limited by the Commission or the New York Stock Exchange, or if trading generally on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange or in the Nasdaq National Market System has been suspended or limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by either of said exchanges or by such system or by order of the Commission, the NASD or any other governmental authority, or (iv) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities, or (v) if the rating assigned by any nationally recognized statistical rating agency to any preferred stock, debt securities or other obligations of the Company as of the date hereof shall have been lowered since the date hereof or if any such rating agency shall have publicly announced that it has placed any preferred stock, debt securities or other obligations of the Company on what is commonly termed a "watch list" for possible downgrading. In the event of any such termination, the covenant set forth in Section 3(c), the provisions of Section 5, the indemnity agreement set forth in Section 6, the contribution provisions set forth in Section 7, and the provisions of Sections 8 and 13 shall remain in effect.

(b) *Liabilities*. If this Agreement or the applicable Terms Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section 9, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Default. If one or more of the Underwriters participating in an offering of Shares shall fail at the Closing Time or a Date of Delivery to purchase the Shares which it or they are obligated to purchase hereunder (the "Defaulted Shares"), then the Representative shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Shares in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth. If, however, during such 24 hours the Representative shall not have completed such arrangements for the purchase of all of the Defaulted Shares, then:

(1) if the aggregate number of Defaulted Shares does not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the Shares to be purchased on such date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations thereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(2) if the aggregate number of Defaulted Shares exceeds 10% of the aggregate number of the Shares to be purchased on such date, this Agreement or, with respect to any Date of Delivery which occurs after the Closing Time, the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase and of the Company to sell the Option

Shares to be purchased and sold on such Date of Delivery shall terminate, without any liability on the part of any non defaulting Underwriter or the Company.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement or, in the case of a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, which does not result in a termination of the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase and the Company to sell the relevant Option Shares, as the case may be, either the Representative or the Company shall have the right to postpone Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order that any required changes in the Registration Statement or Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

Section 11. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to the Representative c/o Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated at 4 World Financial Center New York, New York 10080, attention of Scott Primrose, notices to the Company shall be directed to it at 4 World Financial Center, 24th Floor, New York, New York 10007, attention of the Treasurer with a copy to the Corporate Secretary at 222 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10038.

Section 12. Parties. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each of the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and directors referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties and their respective successors and said controlling persons and officers and directors and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Shares from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

Section 13. Governing Law. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE.

Section 14. Effect of Headings. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

[Signature page follows]

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument along with all counterparts will become a binding agreement among the Underwriters and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

By /s/ John Laws

Name: John Laws

Title: First Vice President

Confirmed and Accepted,
as of the date first above written:

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated

By /s/ Paul Nagle

For itself and as Representative of the other
Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto.

SCHEDULE I

UNDERWRITERS

<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Number of Initial Shares</u>
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	40,600,000
KeyBanc Capital Markets, A Division of McDonald Investments Inc.	100,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	100,000
Total	40,800,000

REPRESENTATIVE

Name: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHARES AND THE SALE THEREOF

1. Registration Statement No.: 333-122639
2. Title of Shares: Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2
3. Currency: U.S. Dollars
4. Fractional Amount of Preferred Share Represented by each Share (if applicable): 1/1200
5. Annual Dividend Rate/Amount: A floating rate per annum equal to three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR plus 0.65%; but such dividends, if declared, will be payable at a rate of not less than 3.00% per annum.
6. Dividend Payment Dates: February 28, May 28, August 28 and November 28 of each year, beginning May 31, 2005 (the New York and London business day next succeeding May 28, 2005).
7. Record Dates: Shall be not more than 30 or less than 10 days preceding the applicable Dividend Payment Date as determined by the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors.
8. Cumulative or Noncumulative: Noncumulative
9. Dividends to Accrue from: Except for the initial dividend period, dividends accrue from each dividend payment date to but excluding the next succeeding dividend payment date.
10. Ratings: N/A
11. Initial Public Offering Price per Share: \$25.00
12. Price per Share to be Paid to Company: \$24.2125 (retail purchasers), \$24.50 (institutional purchasers)
13. Liquidation Preference per share: \$30,000 (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share)
14. Listing Requirement: New York Stock Exchange
15. Closing Date and Location: March 14, 2005 at the offices of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019
16. Redemption Provisions: The Preferred Stock is not redeemable prior to November 28, 2009. On and after that date, the Preferred Stock will be redeemable at our option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to \$30,000 per share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends (without accumulation of any dividends for prior dividend periods). Holders of Preferred Stock will have no right to require the redemption of the Preferred Stock.

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17. Sinking Fund Requirements: None
18. Delayed Delivery Contracts (if authorized)
Delivery Date:
Minimum Contract:
Maximum aggregate amount of Shares:
Fee: %.
19. Other Terms (if any): N/A

(i) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(ii) The Company has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under, the Underwriting Agreement.

(iii) The Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not result in a material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (such a material adverse change hereinafter referred to as a "Material Adverse Effect").

(iv) Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S") has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, has corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Prospectus, and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in the State of New York; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of MLPF&S has been duly authorized and validly issued and is fully paid and non-assessable, and to the best of our knowledge, all of such capital stock owned by the Company directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity.

(v) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(vi) The Deposit Agreement has been duly and validly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes the valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and except as enforcement thereof is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in the proceeding in equity or at law); and the Deposit Agreement, is substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

(vii) The Shares have been duly and validly authorized for issuance and sale by all necessary corporate action and, when issued and delivered by the Company against payment of the consideration therefor pursuant to this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. No holder of the Shares will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. Such Shares will not be subject to the preemptive rights of any stockholder of the Company. The Depositary Receipts are in the form contemplated by the Deposit Agreement, have been duly and validly authorized for issuance and sale by all necessary corporate action and upon deposit by the Company of such Preferred Shares with the Depositary pursuant to the

Deposit Agreement and the due execution, issuance and delivery by the Depositary of the Depositary Receipts evidencing the Shares, such Shares shall represent legal and valid interests in such Preferred Shares and shall entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Depositary Receipts evidencing such Shares and in the Deposit Agreement except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and except as enforcement thereof is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in the proceeding in equity or at law).

(viii) The Deposit Agreement, and the Shares conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof in the Prospectus, and the Depositary Receipts used to evidence the Shares and the certificates used to evidence the Preferred Shares are in due and proper form and comply in all material respects with all applicable statutory requirements.

(ix) The information in the Prospectus under "Description of Series 2 Preferred Stock" and "Description of the Depositary Shares" or any caption purporting to describe any such securities, to the extent that it constitutes matters of law, summaries of legal matters, the Company's charter and by-laws or legal proceedings, or legal conclusions, has been reviewed by us and is correct in all material respects.

(x) The execution, delivery and performance of the Underwriting Agreement, the Deposit Agreement and any other agreement or instrument entered into or issued or to be entered into or issued by the Company in connection with the transactions contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Agreement and in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (including the issuance and sale of the Shares and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Shares as described under the caption "Use of Proceeds") and compliance by the Company with its obligations thereunder do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or a default under or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company pursuant to, any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or any other agreement or instrument, known to us, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or its subsidiaries is subject, except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults, liens, events, charges or encumbrances that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws of the Company or any subsidiary, or any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree, known to us, of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any subsidiary or any of their assets properties, assets or operations.

(xi) The Registration Statement has been declared effective under the 1933 Act. Any required filing of the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); and to the best of our knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or are pending or threatened by the Commission.

(xii) The Registration Statement and the Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, and each amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement and Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, as of their respective effective or issue dates (other than the financial statements and supporting schedules included therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we express no opinion) complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.

(xiii) The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus (other than the financial statements and supporting schedules therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we express no opinion), when they became effective or were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(xiv) No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign, is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations under the Agreement or the applicable Terms Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated under the Agreement other than under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, which have been obtained, or as may be required under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations or state securities or blue sky laws.

We have participated in conferences with officers and representatives of the Company, representatives of the independent accountants of the Company and the Underwriters at which the contents of the Registration Statement and Prospectus and related matters were discussed and, although we are not passing upon or assuming responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus and have made no independent check or verification thereof, on the basis of the foregoing, nothing has come to our attention that has caused us to believe that the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial data included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom) at the time the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto (including the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K with the Commission) became effective or at the date of the Agreement applicable Terms Agreement, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial data included or incorporated therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we make no statement), at the time the Prospectus was issued, at the time any such amended or supplemented prospectus was issued or at the Closing Time, included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely, as to matters of fact (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent they deem proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and public officials.

RESTATED
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

May 3, 2001

RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby certifies as follows:

1. The name of the Corporation is Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
2. The date of filing of its original Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State was March 27, 1973.
3. In accordance with the provisions of Section 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly adopted this Restated Certificate of Incorporation on April 27, 2001, at a meeting duly convened.
4. This Restated Certificate of Incorporation only restates and integrates and does not further amend the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation as heretofore amended or supplemented, and there is no discrepancy between such provisions and the provisions of this Restated Certificate of Incorporation, except as permitted by Section 245(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
5. The text of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation is as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

ARTICLE II

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware is located at Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle. The name and address of the Corporation's registered agent is The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

ARTICLE III

CORPORATE PURPOSES

The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE IV
CAPITAL STOCK

SECTION 1. Shares, Classes and Series Authorized. The total number of shares of all classes of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is three billion, twenty-five million (3,025,000,000) shares, of which three billion (3,000,000,000) shares shall be Common Stock of the par value of one dollar and thirty-three and one-third cents (\$1.33 1/3) each (hereinafter called "Common Stock") and twenty-five million (25,000,000) shares shall be Preferred Stock of the par value of one dollar (\$1.00) each (hereinafter called "Preferred Stock").

The Preferred Stock is hereby authorized to be issued from time to time in one or more series, the shares of each series to have such voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof and may be convertible into, or exchangeable for, at the option of either the holder or the Corporation or upon the happening of a specified event, shares of any other class or classes or any other series of the same or any other class or classes of capital stock of the Corporation at such price or prices or at such rate or rates of exchange and with such adjustments as shall be stated and expressed in the Certificate of Incorporation or in any amendment thereto or in the resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors providing for the issue thereof.

SECTION 2. Description of Capital Stock. The following is a description of each of the classes of capital stock which the Corporation has authority to issue with the designations, preferences, voting powers and participating, optional or other special rights and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof:

THE PREFERRED STOCK

A. RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF PREFERRED STOCK. Authority is hereby expressly vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of this Article IV and to the limitations prescribed by law, to authorize the issue from time to time of one or more series of Preferred Stock and with respect to each such series to fix by resolution or resolutions adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board of Directors providing for the issue of such series the voting powers, full or limited, if any, of the shares of such series and the designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof. The authority of the Board of Directors with respect to each series shall include, but not be limited to, the determination or fixing of the following:

- (a) The designation of such series.
- (b) The dividend rate of such series, the conditions and dates upon which such dividends shall be payable, the relation which such dividends shall bear to the dividends payable on any other class or classes or series of the Corporation's capital stock, and whether such dividends shall be cumulative or non-cumulative.
- (c) Whether the shares of such series shall be subject to redemption for cash, property or rights, including securities of any other corporation, by the Corporation at the option of either the Corporation or the holder or both or upon the happening of a specified event, and, if made subject to any such redemption, the times or events, prices and other terms and conditions of such redemption.
- (d) The terms and amount of any sinking fund provided for the purchase or redemption of the shares of such series.

(e) Whether or not the shares of such series shall be convertible into, or exchangeable for, at the option of either the holder or the Corporation or upon the happening of a specified event, shares of any other class or classes or of any other series of the same or any other class or classes of the Corporation's capital stock, and, if provision be made for conversion or exchange, the times or events, prices, rates, adjustments and other terms and conditions of such conversions or exchanges.

(f) The restrictions, if any, on the issue or reissue of any additional Preferred Stock.

(g) The rights of the holders of the shares of such series upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

(h) The provisions as to voting, optional and/or other special rights and preferences, if any.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by this Section, the following series of Preferred Stock have been designated, each such series consisting of such number of shares, with such voting powers and with such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof as are stated and expressed in the exhibit with respect to such series attached hereto as specified below and incorporated herein by reference:

Exhibit A
Exhibit B
Exhibit C

Series A Junior Preferred Stock
9% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A
Special Voting Stock

COMMON STOCK

B. RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF COMMON STOCK. The powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof in respect to the Common Stock are as follows:

(a) The Common Stock is junior to the Preferred Stock and is subject to all the powers, rights, privileges, preferences and priorities of the Preferred Stock as herein or in any resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors pursuant to authority expressly vested in it by the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.

(b) The Common Stock shall have voting rights for the election of directors and for all other purposes, each holder of Common Stock being entitled to one vote for each share thereof held by such holder, except as otherwise required by law.

C. INCREASE OR DECREASE IN AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED SHARES. The number of authorized shares of any class or classes of capital stock of the Corporation may be increased or decreased by an amendment to this Certificate of Incorporation authorized by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote thereon and, except as expressly provided in the Certificate of Incorporation or in any resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors pursuant to authority expressly vested in it by the provisions of Section 2 of this Article with respect to the Preferred Stock and except as otherwise provided by law, no vote by holders of capital stock of the Corporation other than the Common Stock shall be required to approve such action.

D. SHARES ENTITLED TO MORE OR LESS THAN ONE VOTE. If any class or series of the Corporation's capital stock shall be entitled to more or less than one vote for any share, on any matter,

every reference in this Certificate of Incorporation and in any relevant provision of law to a majority or other proportion of stock shall refer to such majority or other proportion of the votes of such stock.

ARTICLE V

DENIAL OF PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

No holder of any class of capital stock of the Corporation, whether now or hereafter authorized, shall be entitled, as such, as a matter of right, to subscribe for or purchase any part of any new or additional issue of capital stock of the Corporation of any class whatsoever, or of securities convertible into or exchangeable for capital stock of the Corporation of any class whatsoever, whether now or hereafter authorized, or whether issued for cash, property or services.

ARTICLE VI

RESTRICTION ON DIVIDENDS

Dividends may be declared or paid upon the shares of the Corporation's capital stock either (1) out of its surplus, determined as provided under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or (2) in case there shall be no such surplus, out of its net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year.

A director shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or other records of the Corporation or statements prepared by any of its officials or by independent public accountants or by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board of Directors as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities and/or net profits of the Corporation, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of surplus or other funds from which dividends might properly be declared and paid, or with which the Corporation's capital stock might properly be purchased or redeemed.

ARTICLE VII

STOCKHOLDER VOTE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

SECTION 1. Vote Generally Required. Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article VII, the Corporation shall not (a) merge or consolidate with any one or more corporations, joint-stock associations or non-stock corporations (other than in a merger not requiring any vote of stockholders of the Corporation under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware), (b) sell, lease or exchange all or substantially all of its property and assets, or (c) dissolve, unless the Board of Directors shall, at a meeting duly called, adopt a resolution, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board of Directors, approving such action and unless such action shall be approved at a meeting by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote thereon and, except as expressly provided in the Certificate of Incorporation or in any resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors pursuant to authority expressly vested in it by the provisions of Section 2 of Article IV with respect to the Preferred Stock and except as otherwise provided by law, no vote by holders of capital stock of the Corporation other than the Common Stock shall be required to approve such action.

SECTION 2. Certain Definitions. For the purposes of this Article:

- (a) "Business Combination" means:

(i) any merger or consolidation of the Corporation or any Subsidiary with (a) an Interested Stockholder or (b) any other Person (whether or not itself an Interested Stockholder) that is, or after such merger or consolidation would be, an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder; or

(ii) any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition (in one transaction or a series of transactions) to or with, or proposed by or on behalf of, an Interested Stockholder or an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder of any assets of the Corporation or any Subsidiary having an aggregate Fair Market Value of not less than \$100,000,000; or

(iii) the issuance or transfer by the Corporation or any Subsidiary (in one transaction or a series of transactions) of any securities of the Corporation or any Subsidiary to, or proposed by or on behalf of, an Interested Stockholder or an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder in exchange for cash, securities or other property (or a combination thereof) having an aggregate Fair Market Value of not less than \$100,000,000; or

(iv) the adoption of any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, or any spinoff or split-up of any kind of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, proposed by or on behalf of an Interested Stockholder or an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder; or

(v) any reclassification of securities (including any reverse stock split), or recapitalization of the Corporation, or any merger or consolidation of the Corporation with any Subsidiary or any other transaction (whether or not with or into or otherwise involving an Interested Stockholder) that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of increasing the percentage of the outstanding shares of (a) any class of equity securities of the Corporation or any Subsidiary or (b) any class of securities of the Corporation or any Subsidiary convertible into or exchangeable for equity securities of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, that are directly or indirectly owned by an Interested Stockholder and all of its Affiliates and Associates; or

(vi) any agreement, contract or other arrangement providing for any one or more of the actions specified in clauses (i) through (v) of this Section 2(a).

(b) "Affiliate" or "Associate" have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 12b-2 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as in effect on January 1, 1986.

(c) "Beneficial Owner" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Rule 13d-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act, as in effect on January 1, 1986.

(d) "Continuing Director" means (i) any member of the Board of Directors who (a) is neither the Interested Stockholder involved in the Business Combination as to which a determination of Continuing Directors is provided hereunder, nor an Affiliate, Associate, employee, agent, or nominee of such Interested Stockholder, or the relative of any of the foregoing, and (b) was a member of the Board of Directors prior to the time that such Interested Stockholder became an Interested Stockholder, and (ii) any successor of a Continuing Director described in clause (i) who is recommended or elected to succeed a Continuing Director by the affirmative vote of a majority of Continuing Directors then on the Board of Directors.

(e) "Fair Market Value" means: (i) in the case of stock, the average of the closing sale prices during the 30-day period immediately preceding the date in question of a share of such stock on the Composite Tape for New York Stock Exchange-Listed Stocks, or, if such stock is

not reported on the Composite Tape, on the New York Stock Exchange, or, if such stock is not listed on such Exchange, on the principal United States securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act on which such stock is listed, or, if such stock is not listed on any such exchange, the average of the closing bid quotations with respect to a share of such stock during the 30-day period preceding the date in question on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Automated Quotations System or any similar interdealer quotation system then in use, or, if no such quotation is available, the fair market value on the date in question of a share of such stock as determined by a majority of the Continuing Directors in good faith; and (ii) in the case of property other than cash or stock, the fair market value of such property on the date in question as determined by a majority of the Continuing Directors in good faith.

(f) "Interested Stockholder" means any person (other than the Corporation or any Subsidiary, any employee benefit plan maintained by the Corporation or any Subsidiary or any trustee or fiduciary with respect to any such plan when acting in such capacity) that:

(i) is, or was at any time within the two-year period immediately prior to the date in question, the Beneficial Owner of 5% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of Voting Stock of the Corporation and who did not become the Beneficial Owner of such amount of Voting Stock pursuant to a transaction that was approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors; or

(ii) is an assignee of, or has otherwise succeeded to, any shares of Voting Stock of the Corporation of which an Interested Stockholder was the Beneficial Owner at any time within the two-year period immediately prior to the date in question, if such assignment or succession shall have occurred in the course of a transaction, or series of transactions, not involving a public offering within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

For the purpose of determining whether a Person is an Interested Stockholder, the outstanding Voting Stock of the Corporation shall include unissued shares of Voting Stock of the Corporation of which the Interested Stockholder is the Beneficial Owner but shall not include any other shares of Voting Stock of the Corporation that may be issuable pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, or upon the exercise of conversion rights, warrants or options, or otherwise, to any Person who is not the Interested Stockholder.

(g) A "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, trust, unincorporated organization or other entity, as well as any syndicate or group deemed to be a person under Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act.

(h) "Subsidiary" means any corporation of which the Corporation owns, directly or indirectly, (i) a majority of the outstanding shares of equity securities of such corporation, or (ii) shares having a majority of the voting power represented by all of the outstanding shares of Voting Stock of such corporation. For the purpose of determining whether a corporation is a Subsidiary, the outstanding Voting Stock and shares of equity securities thereof shall include unissued shares of which the Corporation is the Beneficial Owner but shall not include any other shares of Voting Stock of such corporation that may be issuable pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, or upon the exercise of conversion rights, warrants or options, or otherwise, to any Person other than the Corporation.

(i) "Voting Stock" means outstanding shares of capital stock of the relevant corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

SECTION 3. Greater Vote for Business Combinations. In addition to any affirmative vote required by law or by this Certificate of Incorporation, the affirmative vote of the holders of record of

outstanding shares representing at least eighty percent (80%) of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of the Voting Stock of the Corporation, voting together as a single class, shall be required to approve any Business Combination. Such affirmative vote shall be required notwithstanding the fact that no vote may be required, or that a lesser percentage may be specified, by law or in any agreement with any national securities exchange or otherwise.

SECTION 4. Powers of Continuing Directors. The Continuing Directors shall have the power and duty to determine, on the basis of information known to them after reasonable inquiry, all facts necessary to determine compliance with this Article, including, without limitation, (A) whether a Person is an Interested Stockholder, (B) the number of shares of Voting Stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by any Person, (C) whether a Person is an Affiliate or Associate of another and (D) whether the assets that are the subject of any Business Combination have, or the consideration to be received for the issuance or transfer of securities by the Corporation or any Subsidiary in any Business Combination has, an aggregate Fair Market Value of not less than \$100,000,000; and the good faith determination of the Continuing Directors on such matters shall be conclusive and binding for all the purposes of this Article.

SECTION 5. No Effect on Fiduciary Obligations. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to relieve the members of the Board of Directors or an Interested Stockholder from any fiduciary obligation imposed by law.

SECTION 6. Amendment or Repeal. Notwithstanding the fact that a lesser percentage may be specified by the General Corporation Law of Delaware, the affirmative vote of the holders of record of outstanding shares representing at least eighty percent (80%) of the voting power of all the outstanding shares of the Voting Stock of the Corporation, voting together as a single class, shall be required to amend, alter or repeal any provision of, or to adopt any provision or provisions inconsistent with, any provision of this Article.

ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation is to have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IX NO LIABILITY OF HOLDERS OF CAPITAL STOCK FOR CORPORATE DEBTS

The holders of the capital stock of the Corporation shall not be personally liable for the payment of the Corporation's debts and the private property of the holders of the capital stock of the Corporation shall not be subject to the payment of debts of the Corporation to any extent whatsoever.

ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Powers of Board of Directors. In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors of the Corporation is expressly authorized:

(a) To make, alter, amend or repeal the By-Laws, except as otherwise expressly provided in any By-Law made by the holders of the capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon. Any By-Law may be altered, amended or repealed by the holders of the capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

(b) To authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon the real and personal property of the Corporation.

(c) To determine the use and disposition of any surplus and net profits of the Corporation, including the determination of the amount of working capital required, to set apart out of any of the funds of the Corporation, whether or not available for dividends, a reserve or reserves for any proper purpose and to abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

(d) To designate, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board of Directors, one or more committees, each committee to consist of two or more directors of the Corporation, which, to the extent provided in the resolution designating the committee or in the By-Laws of the Corporation, shall, subject to the limitations prescribed by law, have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation or as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

(e) To grant or assume rights or options entitling the holders thereof to purchase from the Corporation shares of its capital stock of any class or series (to be evidenced by or in such instrument or instruments as shall be approved by the Board of Directors); the terms upon which, the time or times at or within which, the persons to whom, and the price or prices at which any such rights or options may be issued and any such shares may be purchased from the Corporation upon the exercise of any such right or option, shall be such as shall be fixed in a resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors providing for the creation and issue of such rights or options. In the absence of actual fraud in the transaction, the judgment of the Board of Directors as to the consideration for the issuance of such rights or options and the sufficiency thereof shall be conclusive. No such rights or options shall be invalidated or in any way affected by the fact that any director shall be a grantee thereof or shall vote for the issuance of such rights or options to himself or for any plan pursuant to which he may receive any such rights or options.

(f) To adopt or assume such plans as may, from time to time, be approved by it for the purchase by officers or employees of the Corporation and of any corporation either affiliated with or a subsidiary of the Corporation of shares of capital stock of the Corporation of any class or series; the terms upon which and the price or prices at which shares may be purchased from the Corporation pursuant to such a plan shall be such as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors in the plan. No such plan which is not at the time of adoption unreasonable or unfair shall be invalidated or in any way affected because any director shall be entitled to purchase shares of capital stock of the Corporation thereunder and shall vote for any such plan.

(g) To adopt or assume and carry out such plans as may from time to time be approved by it for the distribution among the officers or employees of the Corporation and of any corporation which is a subsidiary of the Corporation, or any of them, in addition to their regular salaries or wages, of part of the earnings of the Corporation and of any corporation which is a subsidiary of the Corporation, or any of them, in consideration for or in recognition of the services rendered by such officers or employees or as an inducement to future efforts. No such plan which is not at the time of adoption or assumption unreasonable or unfair shall be invalidated or in any way affected because any director shall be a beneficiary thereunder or shall vote for any plan under which he may benefit or for any distribution thereunder in which he may participate.

(h) To adopt such pension, retirement, deferred compensation or other employee benefit plans or provisions as may, from time to time, be approved by it, providing for pensions, retirement income, deferred compensation or other benefits for officers or employees of the Corporation and of any corporation which is a subsidiary of the Corporation, or any of them, in consideration for or in recognition of the services rendered by such officers or employees or as an

inducement to future efforts. No such plan or provision, which is not at the time of adoption unreasonable or unfair, shall be invalidated or in any way affected because any director shall be a beneficiary thereunder or shall vote for any plan or provision under which he may benefit.

(i) To exercise, in addition to the powers and authorities hereinbefore or by law conferred upon it, any such powers and authorities and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the laws of the State of Delaware and of the Certificate of Incorporation and of the By-Laws of the Corporation.

SECTION 2. Classified Board. At the 1986 annual meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation, the directors shall be divided into three classes, with respect to the time that they severally hold office, as nearly equal in number as possible, with the initial term of office of the first class of directors to expire at the 1987 annual meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation, the initial term of office of the second class of directors to expire at the 1988 annual meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation and the initial term of office of the third class of directors to expire at the 1989 annual meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation. Commencing with the 1987 annual meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation, directors elected to succeed those directors whose terms have thereupon expired shall be elected for a term of office to expire at the third succeeding annual meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation after their election. If the number of directors is changed, any increase or decrease shall be apportioned among the classes so as to maintain or attain, if possible, the equality of the number of directors in each class, but in no case will a decrease in the number of directors shorten the term of any incumbent director. If such equality is not possible, the increase or decrease shall be apportioned among the classes in such a way that the difference in the number of directors in any two classes shall not exceed one.

SECTION 3. Nominations. Subject to the rights of holders of any series of Preferred Stock or any other class of capital stock of the Corporation (other than the Common Stock) then outstanding, nominations for the election of directors may be made by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors or by any stockholder of record entitled to vote generally in the election of directors. However, any stockholder of record entitled to vote generally in the election of directors may nominate one or more persons for election as directors at a meeting only if written notice of such stockholder's intent to make such nomination or nominations has been given, either by personal delivery or by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the Secretary of the Corporation not less than 50 days nor more than 75 days prior to the meeting; provided, that in the event that less than 60 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such notice of the date of meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made, whichever first occurs. Each such notice to the Secretary shall set forth: (i) the name and address of record of the stockholder who intends to make the nomination; (ii) a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of shares of the Corporation's capital stock entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (iii) the name, age, business and residence addresses, and principal occupation or employment of each proposed nominee; (iv) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and each proposed nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the stockholder; (v) such other information regarding each proposed nominee as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (vi) the written consent of each proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Corporation if so elected. The Corporation may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Corporation to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Corporation. The presiding officer of the meeting may, if the facts warrant, determine that a nomination was not made in accordance with the

foregoing procedure, and if he should so determine, he shall so declare to the meeting and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.

SECTION 4. Removal of Directors. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock or any other class of capital stock of the Corporation (other than the Common Stock) then outstanding, (i) any director, or the entire Board of Directors may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause, by the affirmative vote of the holders of record of outstanding shares representing at least 80% of the voting power of all the shares of capital stock of the Corporation then entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, and (ii) any director may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. Vacancies. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock or any other class of capital stock of the Corporation (other than the Common Stock) then outstanding, any vacancies in the Board of Directors for any reason, including by reason of any increase in the number of directors, shall, if occurring prior to the expiration of the term of office of the class in which such vacancy occurs, be filled only by the Board of Directors, acting by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, although less than a quorum, and any directors so elected shall hold office until the next election of the class for which such directors have been elected and until their successors are elected and qualify.

SECTION 6. Preferred Stock. Whenever the holders of any one or more series of Preferred Stock issued by the Corporation shall have the right, voting separately by class or series, to elect directors at an annual or a special meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation, the nomination, election, term of office, filling of vacancies and other features of such directorships shall be governed by this Article X unless expressly otherwise provided by the resolution or resolutions providing for the creation of such series.

ARTICLE XI

MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS; ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS; CORPORATION BOOKS

SECTION 1. Stockholders' Meetings. Meetings of holders of capital stock of the Corporation may be held outside the State of Delaware if the By-Laws so provide. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the holders of capital stock of the Corporation must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of holders of capital stock of the Corporation and may not be effected by any consent in writing by such holders. Meetings of holders of capital stock of the Corporation may be called only by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Directors' Meetings, Consents and Elections. Meetings of the Board of Directors and of any committee thereof may be held outside the State of Delaware if the By-Laws so provide. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting as provided by statute, if the By-Laws of the Corporation so provide. The elections of directors need not be by ballot unless the By-Laws of the Corporation so provide.

SECTION 3. Books of the Corporation. Except as otherwise provided by law, the books of the Corporation may be kept outside the State of Delaware at such place or places as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors or in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII

TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

No contract or transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the Corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the board or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose if (a) the material facts as to his relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Directors or the committee, and the Board of Directors or the committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of the disinterested directors, even though the disinterested directors be less than a quorum, or (b) the material facts as to his relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, and the contract or transaction is specifically approved in good faith by vote of the stockholders, or (c) the contract or transaction is fair as to the Corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified by the Board of Directors, a committee thereof, or the stockholders. Common or interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorizes the contract or transaction.

ARTICLE XIII

LIMITATION OF DIRECTORS' LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION BY CORPORATION; INSURANCE

SECTION 1. Limitation of Directors' Liability. (a) No director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except, to the extent provided by applicable law, for liability (i) for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. If the Delaware General Corporation Law is hereafter amended to authorize corporate action further limiting or eliminating the personal liability of directors, then the liability of each director of the Corporation shall be limited or eliminated to the full extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law as so amended from time to time.

(b) Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Section 1, nor the adoption of any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation inconsistent with this Section 1, shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Section 1, in respect of any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Section 1, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision.

SECTION 2. Indemnification by Corporation. (a) The Corporation shall indemnify any person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer or trustee of another corporation, trust or other enterprise, with respect to actions taken or omitted by such person in any capacity in which such person serves the Corporation or such other corporation, trust or other enterprise, to the full extent authorized or permitted by law, as now or hereafter in effect, and such right to indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer or trustee, as the case may be, and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and personal and legal representatives; provided, however, that, except for proceedings to

enforce rights to indemnification, the Corporation shall not be obligated to indemnify any person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person unless such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized in advance, or unanimously consented to, by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Any person who is or was a director or officer of a subsidiary of the Corporation shall be deemed to be serving in such capacity at the request of the Corporation for purposes of this Section 2.

(b) Directors and officers of the Corporation shall have the right to be paid by the Corporation expenses incurred in defending or otherwise participating in any proceeding in advance of its final disposition. The Corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors, advance such expenses to any person who is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer or trustee of another corporation, trust or other enterprise.

(c) The Corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors, provide rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses to employees and agents of the Corporation and to any person serving at the request of the Corporation as an employee or agent of another corporation, trust or other enterprise.

(d) The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this Section 2 shall not be exclusive of any other right that any person may have or hereafter acquire under this Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the by-laws, any statute, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise.

(e) Any repeal or modification of this Section 2 by the stockholders of the Corporation shall not adversely affect any rights to indemnification and to advancement of expenses that any person may have at the time of such repeal or modification with respect to any acts or omissions occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

SECTION 3. Insurance. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation shall have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of Section 2 of this Article XIII.

ARTICLE XIV

COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN CORPORATION AND ITS CREDITORS OR STOCKHOLDERS

Whenever a compromise or arrangement is proposed between this Corporation and its creditors or any class of them and/or between this Corporation and its stockholders or any class of them, any court of equitable jurisdiction within the State of Delaware may, on the application in a summary way of this Corporation or of any creditor or stockholder thereof or on the application of any receiver or receivers appointed for this Corporation under the provisions of Section 291 of Title 8 of the Delaware Code or on the application of trustees in dissolution or of any receiver or receivers appointed for this Corporation under the provisions of Section 279 of Title 8 of the Delaware Code, order a meeting of the creditors or class of creditors, and/or of the stockholders or class of stockholders of this Corporation, as the case may be, to be summoned in such manner as the said court directs. If a majority in number representing three-fourths in value of the creditors or class of creditors, and/or of the stockholders or class of stockholders of this Corporation, as the case may be, agree to any compromise or arrangement and to any reorganization of this Corporation as consequence of such compromise or arrangement, the said

compromise or arrangement and the said reorganization shall, if sanctioned by the court to which the said application has been made, be binding on all the creditors or class of creditors, and/or on all the stockholders or class of stockholders of this Corporation, as the case may be, and also on this Corporation.

ARTICLE XV

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all the provisions of this Certificate of Incorporation and all rights and powers conferred in this Certificate of Incorporation on stockholders, directors and officers are subject to this reserved power, provided that the affirmative vote of the holders of record of outstanding shares representing at least 80% of the voting power of all of the shares of capital stock of the Corporation then entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, shall be required to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision of, or to adopt any provision or provisions inconsistent with, Section 2(A) of Article IV, Article X, Article XI, Article XIII or this Article XV of this Certificate of Incorporation unless such amendment, alteration, repeal or adoption of any inconsistent provision or provisions is declared advisable by the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the entire Board of Directors, notwithstanding the fact that a lesser percentage may be specified by the General Corporation Law of Delaware, and provided further that any amendment, alteration, change, repeal or adoption of any provision or provisions inconsistent with Article VII may only be made in accordance with the provisions thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. has caused this certificate to be signed by the Secretary, with its corporate seal to be hereunto duly affixed and to be attested by an Assistant Secretary this 3rd day of May, 2001.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

By: /s/ Andrea L. Dulberg
Andrea L. Dulberg
Secretary

CORPORATE SEAL

Attest: /s/ Michael A. LaMaina
By: Michael A. LaMaina
Assistant Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF THE VOTING POWERS,
DESIGNATION, PREFERENCES AND RELATIVE, PARTICIPATING,
OPTIONAL OR OTHER SPECIAL RIGHTS AND QUALIFICATIONS,
LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE SERIES A JUNIOR
PREFERRED STOCK**

**Pursuant to Section 151 of the
General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware**

We, Stephen L. Hammerman, Executive Vice President and Stephen M.M. Miller, Secretary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"),

DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

that, pursuant to authority conferred upon the Board of Directors of the Corporation by its Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate"), and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 151 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, said Board of Directors, at a duly called meeting held on December 16, 1987, at which a quorum was present and acted throughout, adopted the following resolutions, which resolutions remain in full force and effect on the date hereof creating a series of 2,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share, designated as Series A Junior Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred Stock") out of the class of 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock of the par value of \$1.00 per share (the "Preferred Stock"):

RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate, the Board of Directors does hereby create, authorize and provide for the issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock having the voting powers, designation, relative, participating, optional and other special rights, preferences, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof that are set forth as follows:

Section 1. Designation and Amount. The shares of such series shall be designated as "Series A Junior Preferred Stock" ("Series A Preferred Stock") and the number of shares constituting such series shall be 2,000,000.

Section 2. Dividends and Distributions. (A) Subject to the prior and superior rights of the holders of any shares of any other series of Preferred Stock or any other shares of preferred stock of the Corporation ranking prior and superior to the shares of Series A Preferred Stock with respect to dividends, each holder of one one-hundredth (1/100) of a share (a "Unit") of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available for that purpose, (i) quarterly dividends payable in cash on the 30th day of February, May, August and November in each year (each such date being a "Quarterly Dividend Payment Date"), commencing on the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date after the first issuance of such Unit of Series A Preferred Stock, in an amount per Unit (rounded to the nearest cent) equal to the greater of (a) \$0.25 or (b) subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, the aggregate per share amount of all cash dividends declared on shares of the Common Stock since the immediately preceding Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, or, with respect to the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, since the first issuance of a Unit of Series A Preferred Stock, and (ii) subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, quarterly

distributions (payable in kind) on each Quarterly Dividend Payment Date in an amount per Unit equal to the aggregate per share amount of all non-cash dividends or other distributions (other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock or a subdivision of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, by reclassification or otherwise) declared on shares of Common Stock since the immediately preceding Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, or with respect to the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, since the first issuance of a Unit of Series A Preferred Stock. In the event that the Corporation shall at any time after December 16, 1987 (the "Rights Declaration Date") (i) declare any dividend on outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, (ii) subdivide outstanding shares of Common Stock or (iii) combine outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, then in each such case the amount to which the holder of a Unit of Series A Preferred Stock was entitled immediately prior to such event pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that are outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(B) The Corporation shall declare a dividend or distribution on Units of Series A Preferred Stock as provided in paragraph (A) above immediately after it declares a dividend or distribution on the shares of Common Stock (other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock); provided, however, that, in the event no dividend or distribution shall have been declared on the Common Stock during the period between any Quarterly Dividend Payment Date and the next subsequent Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, a dividend of \$0.25 per Unit on the Series A Preferred Stock shall nevertheless be payable on such subsequent Quarterly Dividend Payment Date.

(C) Dividends shall begin to accrue and shall be cumulative on each outstanding Unit of Series A Preferred Stock from the Quarterly Dividend Payment Date next preceding the date of issuance of such Unit of Series A Preferred Stock, unless the date of issuance of such Unit is prior to the record date for the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, in which case, dividends on such Unit shall begin to accrue from the date of issuance of such Unit, or unless the date of issuance is a Quarterly Dividend Payment Date or is a date after the record date for the determination of holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock entitled to receive a quarterly dividend and before such Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, in either of which events such dividends shall begin to accrue and be cumulative from such Quarterly Dividend Payment Date. Accrued but unpaid dividends shall not bear interest. Dividends paid on Units of Series A Preferred Stock in an amount less than the aggregate amount of all such dividends at the time accrued and payable on such Units shall be allocated pro rata on a unit-by-unit basis among all Units of Series A Preferred Stock at the time outstanding. The Board of Directors may fix a record date for the determination of holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock entitled to receive payment of a dividend or distribution declared thereon, which record date shall be no more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for the payment thereof.

Section 3. Voting Rights. The holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall have the following voting rights:

(A) Subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, each Unit of Series A Preferred Stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Corporation. In the event the Corporation shall at any time after the Rights Declaration Date (i) declare any dividend on outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, (ii) subdivide outstanding shares of Common Stock or (iii) combine the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, then in each such case the number of votes per Unit to which holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted by multiplying such number by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common

Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(B) Except as otherwise provided herein or by law, the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock and the holders of shares of Common Stock shall vote together as one class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Corporation.

(C) (i) If at any time dividends on any Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall be in arrears in an amount equal to six quarterly dividends thereon, then during the period (a "default period") from the occurrence of such event until such time as all accrued and unpaid dividends for all previous quarterly dividend periods and for the current quarterly dividend period on all Units of Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding shall have been declared and paid or set apart for payment, all holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class, shall have the right to elect two Directors.

(ii) During any default period, such voting rights of the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock may be exercised initially at a special meeting called pursuant to subparagraph (iii) of this Section 3(C) or at any annual meeting of stockholders, and thereafter at annual meetings of stockholders, provided that neither such voting rights nor any right of the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock to increase, in certain cases, the authorized number of Directors may be exercised at any meeting unless one-third of the outstanding Units of Preferred Stock shall be present at such meeting in person or by proxy. The absence of a quorum of the holders of Common Stock shall not affect the exercise by the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock of such rights. At any meeting at which the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall exercise such voting right initially during an existing default period, they shall have the right, voting separately as a class, to elect Directors to fill up to two vacancies in the Board of Directors, if any such vacancies may then exist, or, if such right is exercised at an annual meeting, to elect two Directors. If the number which may be so elected at any special meeting does not amount to the required number, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall have the right to make such increase in the number of Directors as shall be necessary to permit the election by them of the required number. After the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall have exercised their right to elect Directors during any default period, the number of Directors shall not be increased or decreased except as approved by a vote of the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock as herein provided or pursuant to the rights of any equity securities ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock.

(iii) Unless the holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall, during an existing default period, have previously exercised their right to elect Directors, the Board of Directors may order, or any stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate not less than 25% of the total number of Units of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding may request, the calling of a special meeting of the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock, which meeting shall thereupon be called by the Secretary of the Corporation. Notice of such meeting and of any annual meeting at which holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote pursuant to this paragraph (C)(iii) shall be given to each holder of record of Units of Series A Preferred Stock by mailing a copy of such notice to him at his last address as the same appears on the books of the Corporation. Such meeting shall be called for a time not earlier than 20 days and not later than 60 days after such order or request or in default of the calling of such meeting within 60 days after such order or request, such meeting may be called on similar notice by any stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate not less than 25% of the total number of outstanding Units of Series A Preferred Stock. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (C)(iii), no such special meeting shall be called during the 60 days immediately preceding the date fixed for the next annual meeting of the stockholders.

(iv) During any default period, the holders of shares of Common Stock, and other classes or series of stock of the Corporation, if applicable, shall continue to be entitled to elect all the Directors until the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall have exercised their right to elect two Directors voting as a separate class, after the exercise of which right (x) the Directors so elected by the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected by such holders or until the expiration of the default period, and (y) any vacancy in the Board of Directors may (except as provided in paragraph (C)(ii) of this Section 3) be filled by vote of a majority of the remaining Directors theretofore elected by the holders of the class of capital stock which elected the Director whose office shall have become vacant. References in this paragraph (C) to Directors elected by the holders of a particular class of capital stock shall include Directors elected by such Directors to fill vacancies as provided in clause (y) of the foregoing sentence.

(v) Immediately upon the expiration of a default period, (x) the right of the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock as a separate class to elect Directors shall cease, (y) the term of any Directors elected by the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock as a separate class shall terminate, and (z) the number of Directors shall be such number as may be provided for in the Certificate or by-laws irrespective of any increase made pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (C)(ii) of this Section 3 (such number being subject, however, to change thereafter in any manner provided by law or in the Certificate or by-laws). Any vacancies in the Board of Directors effected by the provisions of clauses (y) and (z) in the preceding sentence may be filled by a majority of the remaining Directors.

(vi) The provisions of this paragraph (C) shall govern the election of Directors by holders of Units of Preferred Stock during any default period notwithstanding any provisions of the Certificate to the contrary, including, without limitation, the provisions of Article X of the Certificate.

(D) Except as set forth herein, holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall have no special voting rights and their consent shall not be required (except to the extent they are entitled to vote with holders of Shares of Common Stock as set forth herein) for taking any corporate action.

Section 4. Certain Restrictions. (A) Whenever quarterly dividends or other dividends or distributions payable on Units of Series A Preferred Stock as provided in Section 2 are in arrears, thereafter and until all accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions, whether or not declared, on outstanding Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall have been paid in full, the Corporation shall not:

(i) declare or pay dividends on, make any other distributions on, or redeem or purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of junior stock;

(ii) declare or pay dividends on or make any other distributions on any shares of parity stock, except dividends paid ratably on Units of Series A Preferred Stock and shares of all such parity stock on which dividends are payable or in arrears in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of such Units and all such shares are then entitled;

(iii) redeem or purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration shares of any parity stock, provided, however, that the Corporation may at any time redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire shares of any such parity stock in exchange for shares of any junior stock;

(iv) purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any Units of Series A Preferred Stock, except in accordance with a purchase offer made in writing or by publication (as determined by the Board of Directors) to all holders of such Units.

(B) The Corporation shall not permit any subsidiary of the Corporation to purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of stock of the Corporation unless the Corporation could, under paragraph (A) of this Section 4, purchase or otherwise acquire such shares at such time and in such manner.

Section 5. Reacquired Shares. Any Units of Series A Preferred Stock purchased or otherwise acquired by the Corporation in any manner whatsoever shall be retired and cancelled promptly after the acquisition thereof. All such Units shall, upon their cancellation, become authorized but unissued Units of Preferred Stock and may be reissued as part of a new series of Preferred Stock to be created by resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors, subject to the conditions and restrictions on issuance set forth herein.

Section 6. Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up. (A) Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, no distribution shall be made (i) to the holders of shares of junior stock unless the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall have received, subject to adjustment as hereinafter provided in paragraph (B), the greater of either (a) \$.01 per Unit plus an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions thereon, whether or not earned or declared, to the date of such payment, or (b) the amount equal to the aggregate per share amount to be distributed to holders of shares of Common Stock, or (ii) to the holders of shares of parity stock, unless simultaneously therewith distributions are made ratably on Units of Series A Preferred Stock and all other shares of such parity stock in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled under clause (i)(a) of this sentence and to which the holders of shares of such parity stock are entitled, in each case upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

(B) In the event the Corporation shall at any time after the Rights Declaration Date (i) declare any dividend on outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, (ii) subdivide outstanding shares of Common Stock, or (iii) combine outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, then in each such case the aggregate amount to which holders of Units of Series A Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event pursuant to clause (i)(b) of paragraph (A) of this Section 6 shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that are outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

Section 7. Consolidation, Merger, etc. In case the Corporation shall enter into any consolidation, merger, combination or other transaction in which the shares of Common Stock are exchanged for or converted into other stock or securities, cash and/or any other property, then in any such case Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall at the same time be similarly exchanged for or converted into an amount per Unit (subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth) equal to the aggregate amount of stock, securities, cash and/or any other property (payable in kind), as the case may be, into which or for which each share of Common Stock is converted or exchanged. In the event the Corporation shall at any time after the Rights Declaration Date (i) declare any dividend on outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, (ii) subdivide outstanding shares of Common Stock, or (iii) combine outstanding Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, then in each such case the amount set forth in the immediately preceding sentence with respect to the exchange or conversion of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that are outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

Section 8. Redemption. The Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall not be redeemable.

Section 9. Ranking. The Units of Series A Preferred Stock shall rank junior to the Corporation's Remarketed Preferred Stock and to all other series of the Preferred Stock and to any other class of preferred stock that hereafter may be issued by the Corporation as to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets, unless the terms of any such series or class shall provide otherwise.

Section 10. Amendment. The Certificate, including, without limitation, this resolution, shall not hereafter be amended, either directly or indirectly, or through merger or consolidation with another corporation, in any manner that would alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the Series A Preferred Stock so as to affect them adversely without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority or more of the outstanding Units of Series A Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class.

Section 11. Fractional Shares. The Series A Preferred Stock may be issued in Units or other fractions of a share, which Units or fractions shall entitle the holder, in proportion to such holder's fractional shares, to exercise voting rights, receive dividends, participate in distributions and to have the benefit of all other rights of holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

Section 12. Certain Definitions. As used herein with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(A) The term "Common Stock" shall mean the class of stock designated as the common stock, par value \$1.33 1/3 per share, of the Corporation at the date hereof or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassification of the common stock.

(B) The term "junior stock" (i) as used in Section 4, shall mean the Common Stock and any other class or series of capital stock of the Corporation hereafter authorized or issued over which the Series A Preferred Stock has preference or priority as to the payment of dividends and (ii) as used in Section 6, shall mean the Common Stock and any other class or series of capital stock of the Corporation over which the Series A Preferred Stock has preference or priority in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

(C) The term "parity stock" (i) as used in Section 4, shall mean any class or series of stock of the Corporation hereafter authorized or issued ranking pari passu with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends and (ii) as used in Section 6, shall mean any class or series of capital stock ranking pari passu with the Preferred Stock in the distribution of assets or any liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS
Pursuant to Section 151 of the
General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

9% CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES A
(Par Value \$1.00 Per Share)

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, pursuant to authority conferred upon the Board of Directors by the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation, which authorize the issuance of up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and pursuant to authority conferred upon the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, by Article IV, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Corporation and by the resolutions of the Board of Directors set forth herein, at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held on April 19, 1994, by unanimous written consent to corporate action of the Board of Directors dated August 22, 1994, and by unanimous written consent of the Executive Committee dated November 2, 1994:

1. The Board of Directors on April 19, 1994 adopted the following resolutions authorizing the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to act on behalf of the Board of Directors in connection with the designation, issuance and sale of up to 100,000 shares of preferred stock of the Corporation in one or more series (the "Preferred Stock") and depositary shares representing interests in the Preferred Stock (the "Depositary Shares"), either directly or in exchange for other obligations of the Corporation undertaken in connection with the issuance of preferred units that may be issued by a limited liability company affiliated with the Corporation, upon such terms as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee, including, but not limited to, determinations with respect to classes and series, dividend and liquidation rights and preferences (provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of the Preferred Stock, does not exceed \$600,000,000), stated value, denomination, redemption and conversion or exchange features and to take all such actions in connection therewith as such Committee may deem necessary or appropriate:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and empowers the Executive Committee to take all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate for the issuance and sale of up to 100,000 shares of the Corporation's Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Preferred Shares"), in one or more series, either directly or in exchange for other obligations of the Corporation undertaken in connection with the issuance of preferred units that may be issued by a limited liability company affiliated with the Corporation (the "LLC Units"); provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of such Preferred Shares shall not exceed \$600,000,000;"

"FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee may approve the issuance of the Preferred Shares upon such terms as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee, including, but not limited to, determinations with respect to classes and series, dividend and liquidation rights and

preferences, stated value, denomination, redemption and conversion or exchange features, and may provide for the issuance of depositary shares representing interests in the Preferred Shares in order to accommodate retail marketing; provided, however, that the Preferred Shares shall not have voting rights except (i) in the event that dividends are in arrears for six consecutive quarters, the number of the Corporation's directors shall be increased by two and the holders of the Preferred Shares shall be entitled, voting as a class, to elect two directors of the Corporation to serve until such time as such arrearages are paid in full or (ii) as otherwise required by law;"

2. The Board of Directors, by unanimous written consent to corporate action dated August 22, 1994, adopted the following resolution amending the second resolution set forth in paragraph 1 above:

"RESOLVED, that the resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors duly called and held on April 19, 1994, is hereby amended by deleting the word "consecutive" in the third line of the proviso and inserting the words "or the requirements of any stock exchange on which the Preferred Shares may be listed" at the end thereof prior to the semicolon."

3. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, by unanimous written consent to corporate action dated November 2, 1994, adopted the following resolution pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Executive Committee by the resolution of the Board of Directors set forth in paragraph 1 above adopted pursuant to Article 4, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Corporation and Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware:

"RESOLVED, that the issue of a series of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Corporation is hereby authorized and the designation, preferences and privileges, relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, in addition to those set forth in the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation, are hereby fixed as follows:

9% CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES A

(1) *Number of Shares and Designation.* 42,500 shares of the preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Corporation are hereby constituted as a series of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, designated as 9% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A (hereinafter called the "Preferred Stock, Series A").

(2) *Dividends.* (a) The holders of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be entitled to receive, as, if and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof), out of assets of the Corporation legally available for the payment of dividends, cash dividends at the rate set forth below in this Section (2) applied to the amount of \$10,000 per share. Such dividends shall be cumulative from the date of original issue of such shares, whether or not in any Dividend Period or Dividend Periods (as defined in subsection (b) of this Section (2)) there are assets of the Corporation legally available for the payment thereof, and shall be payable quarterly, as, if and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof), on March 30, June 30, September 30, and December 30 of each year, commencing on December 30, 1994; provided that if any such payment date is not a business day, dividends (if declared) on the Preferred Stock, Series A, will be paid on the immediately succeeding business day, without interest. Each such dividend shall be payable to the holders of record of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, as they appear on the stock register of the Corporation on such record dates, which shall be the fifteenth day immediately preceding the payment date thereof, or such other date not more than 30 nor less than 15

days preceding the payment dates thereof, as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof). Dividends on account of arrears for any past Dividend Periods may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular dividend payment date, to holders of record on such date, not exceeding 45 days preceding the payment date thereof, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof).

(b) (i) Dividend periods ("Dividend Periods") shall commence on March 30, June 30, September 30, and December 30 of each year (other than the initial Dividend Period which shall commence on the date of original issue of the Preferred Stock, Series A) and shall end on and include the calendar day next preceding the first day of the next Dividend Period. The dividend rate on the shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, for the period from the date of original issue thereof to and including December 30, 1994, and for each Dividend Period thereafter shall be 9% per annum.

(ii) The amount of dividends payable for each full Dividend Period for the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be computed by dividing the dividend rate of 9% per annum by four, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a percent, with five one-thousandths rounded upwards, and applying the resulting rate to the amount of \$10,000 per share. The amount of dividends payable for the initial Dividend Period on the Preferred Stock, Series A, or any other period shorter than a full Dividend Period on the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be computed on the basis of 30-day months, a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed in any period of less than one month. The amount of dividends payable on the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent being rounded upwards.

(c) So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, are outstanding, no full dividends shall be declared or paid or set apart for payment on the preferred stock of the Corporation of any series ranking, as to dividends, on a parity with or junior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, for any period unless full cumulative dividends have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set apart for such payment on the Preferred Stock, Series A, for all Dividend Periods terminating on or prior to the date of payment of such full cumulative dividends. When dividends are not paid in full, as aforesaid, upon the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, and any other preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends with the Preferred Stock, Series A, all dividends declared upon shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, and any other preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends (whether cumulative or noncumulative) shall be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share on the Preferred Stock, Series A, and such other preferred stock shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the shares of the Preferred stock, Series A, and such other preferred stock bear to each other. Holders of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends, as herein provided, on the Preferred Stock, Series A. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Preferred Stock, Series A, which may be in arrears.

(d) So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, are outstanding, no dividends (other than dividends or distributions paid in shares of, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of, the Common Stock or another stock of the Corporation ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, as to dividends and upon liquidation and other than as provided in subsection (c) of this Section (2)) shall be declared or paid or set aside for payment or other distribution declared or made upon the Common Stock or upon any other stock of the Corporation ranking junior to or on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series A, as to dividends or upon liquidation, nor shall any Common Stock nor any other stock of the Corporation ranking junior to or on parity with the Preferred Stock, Series A, as to dividends or upon liquidation be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired, other than in connection with the distribution or trading thereof, for any consideration (or any moneys be paid to or made available for a

sinking fund for the redemption of any shares of any such stock) by the Corporation (except by conversion into or exchange for stock of the Corporation ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, as to dividends and upon liquidation) unless, in each case, full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall have been declared and paid for all Dividend Periods terminating on or prior to the date of payment of such full cumulative dividends.

(3) *Liquidation Preference.* (a) In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, before any payment or distribution of the assets of the Corporation or proceeds thereof (whether capital or surplus) shall be made to or set apart for the holders of any series or class or classes of stock of the Corporation ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, upon liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be entitled to receive \$10,000 per share plus an amount equal to all dividends (whether or not earned or declared) accrued and unpaid thereon to the date of final distribution to such holders but such holders shall not be entitled to any further payment. If, upon any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation, or proceeds thereof, distributable among the holders of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be insufficient to pay in full the preferential amount aforesaid and liquidating payments on any other shares of preferred stock ranking, as to liquidation, dissolution or winding up, on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series A, then such assets, or the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed among the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, and any such other preferred stock ratably in accordance with the respective amounts which would be payable on such shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, and any such other preferred stock if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. For the purposes of this Section (3), a consolidation or merger of the Corporation with one or more corporations shall not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up, voluntary or involuntary, of the Corporation.

(b) Subject to the rights of the holders of shares of any series or class or classes of stock ranking on a parity with or prior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, after payment shall have been made in full to the holders of Preferred Stock, Series A, as provided in this Section (3), but not prior thereto, any other series of class or classes of stock ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, upon liquidation shall, subject to the respective terms and provisions (if any) applying thereto, be entitled to receive any and all assets remaining to be paid or distributed, and the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall not be entitled to share therein.

(4) *Redemption.* (a) The Preferred Stock, Series A, may not be redeemed prior to December 30, 2004. At any time or from time to time on and after December 30, 2004, the Corporation, at its option, may redeem shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, as a whole or in part, at a redemption price of \$10,000 per share, together in each case with accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the date fixed for redemption.

(b) In the event the Corporation shall redeem shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, notice of such redemption shall be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, to each holder of record of the shares to be redeemed, at such holder's address as the same appears on the stock register of the Corporation. Each such notice shall state: (1) the redemption date; (2) the number of shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, to be redeemed and, if less than all the shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed from such holder; (3) the redemption price; (4) the place or places where certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and (5) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed shall cease to accrue on such redemption date. Notice having been mailed as aforesaid, from and after the redemption date (unless default shall be made by the Corporation in providing money for the payment of the redemption price) dividends on the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, so called for redemption

shall cease to accrue, and said shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding, and all rights of the holders thereof as stockholders of the Corporation (except the right to receive from the Corporation the redemption price) shall cease. The Corporation's obligation to provide moneys in accordance with the preceding sentence shall be deemed fulfilled if, on or before the redemption date, the Corporation shall deposit with a bank or trust company (which may be an affiliate of the Corporation) having an office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, having a capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, funds necessary for such redemption, in trust, with irrevocable instructions that such funds be applied to the redemption of the shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, so called for redemption. Any interest accrued on such funds shall be paid to the Corporation from time to time. Any funds so deposited and unclaimed at the end of two years from such redemption date shall be released or repaid to the Corporation, after which the holder or holders of such shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, so called for redemption shall look only to the Corporation for payment of the redemption price.

Upon surrender, in accordance with said notice, of the certificates for any such shares so redeemed (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be redeemed by the Corporation at the applicable redemption price aforesaid. If less than all the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, are to be redeemed, shares to be redeemed shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized committee thereof) from outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, not previously called for redemption by lot or pro rata or by any other method determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized committee thereof) to be equitable. If fewer than all the shares represented by any certificate are redeemed, a new certificate shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares without charge to the holder thereof.

(c) In no event shall the Corporation redeem less than all the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section (4) unless full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall have been or all contemporaneously declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for payment thereof set apart for such payment for all Dividend Periods terminating on or prior to the date of payment of such full cumulative dividends.

(5) *Voting Rights.* The Preferred Stock, Series A, shall have no voting rights, except as hereinafter set forth or as otherwise from time to time required by law. Whenever dividends payable on the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be in arrears for such number of dividend periods, whether or not consecutive, which shall in the aggregate contain a number of months equivalent to six calendar quarters, the holders of outstanding shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall have the exclusive right, voting as a class with holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series A, either as to dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, to vote for the election of two additional directors at the next annual meeting of stockholders and at each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders. At elections for such directors, each holder of the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be entitled to one vote for each share held (the holders of shares of any other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity being entitled to such number of votes, if any, for each share of stock held as may be granted to them). Upon the vesting of such right of such holders, the maximum authorized number of members of the Board of Directors shall automatically be increased by two and the two vacancies so created shall be filled by vote of the holders of such outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, (either alone or together with the holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity) as hereinafter set forth. The right of such holders of such shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, voting as a class with holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity, to elect members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation as aforesaid shall continue until all past dividends accumulated on such shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, shall have been paid in full. Upon payment in full of such dividends, such voting rights shall terminate except as expressly provided

by law, subject to re-vesting in the event of each and every subsequent default in the payment of dividends as aforesaid.

Upon termination of the right of the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series A, to vote for directors as herein provided, the term of office of all directors then in office elected by such holders will terminate immediately. If the office of any director elected by such holders voting as a class becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, the remaining director elected by such holders voting as a class may choose a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred. Whenever the term of office of the directors elected by such holders voting as a class shall end and the special voting rights shall have expired, the number of directors shall be such number as may be provided for in the By-laws irrespective of any increase made pursuant to the provisions hereof.

So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, remain outstanding, the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series A, outstanding at the time (voting as a class with all other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series A, either as to dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable), given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at any meeting called for the purpose, shall be necessary to permit, effect or validate any one or more of the following:

(i) the authorization, creation or issuance, or any increase in the authorized or issued amount, of any class or series of stock ranking prior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up; or

(ii) the amendment, alteration or repeal, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, of any of the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, or of the resolutions set forth in a Certificate of Designations for such Preferred Stock, Series A, which would materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Preferred Stock, Series A, or of the holders thereof; provided, however, that any increase in the amount of authorized preferred stock or the creation and issuance, or an increase in the authorized or issued amount, of other series of preferred stock, or any increase in the amount of authorized shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The foregoing voting provisions shall not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, shall have been redeemed or sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such a redemption which is scheduled to be consummated within three months after the time that such rights would otherwise be exercisable.

(6) *Record Holders.* The Corporation and the transfer agent for the Preferred Stock, Series A, may deem and treat the record holder of any share of such Preferred Stock as the true and lawful owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the Corporation nor such transfer agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

(7) *Ranking.* Any class or classes of stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to rank:

(i) on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series A, as to dividends or as to distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether or not the dividend rates, dividend payment dates, or redemption or liquidation prices per share thereof be different from those of the Preferred Stock, Series A,

if the holders of such class of stock and the Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be entitled to the receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, as the case may be, in proportion to their respective dividend rates or liquidation prices, without preference or priority one over the other; and

(ii) junior to the Preferred Stock, Series A, as to dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if such stock shall be Common Stock or if the holders of Preferred Stock, Series A, shall be entitled to receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up, as the case may be, in preference or priority to the holders of shares of such stock.

(8) *Exclusion of Other Rights.* Unless otherwise required by law, shares of Preferred Stock, Series A, shall not have any rights, including preemptive rights, or preferences other than those specifically set forth herein or as provided by applicable law.

(9) *Notices.* All notices or communications unless otherwise specified in the By-laws of the Corporation or the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, shall be sufficiently given if in writing and delivered in person or by first class mail, postage prepaid. Notice shall be deemed given on the earlier of the date received or the date such notice is mailed.”

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
Pursuant to Section 151 of the General Corporation Law
of the State of Delaware

SPECIAL VOTING STOCK

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), HEREBY CERTIFIES that, the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to authority conferred upon the Board of Directors by the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, as amended, (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), and pursuant to authority conferred upon the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, by Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Corporation and by the resolutions of the Board of Directors set forth herein, at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held on June 22, 1998 and by unanimous written consent of the Executive Committee dated August 18, 1998:

1. The Board of Directors on June 22, 1998 adopted the following resolutions authorizing the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to act on behalf of the Board of Directors in connection with the issuance of the Special Voting Share and fixing the relative powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions of such share:

"FURTHER RESOLVED, that in connection with the Transaction and the Arrangement the Corporation, directly or indirectly, through one or more foreign or domestic subsidiaries of the Corporation, is hereby authorized to undertake and complete and cause to be undertaken and completed each of the following actions:

...g) the Executive Committee is hereby authorized to take any and all action that the Executive Committee may deem necessary or desirable under applicable law, including without limitation, the execution of one or more Certificates of Designation under Section 151 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, to create and issue one Special Voting Share in the capital of the Corporation, to have the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions substantially as set forth in and contemplated by the MWI Plan of Arrangement and the Voting and Exchange Trust Agreement, in each case, as discussed at this meeting, such share to be issued for an aggregate consideration of \$1.00, and upon receipt by the Corporation of the consideration therefor such Special Voting Share shall be issued to the trustee under the Voting and Exchange Trust Agreement hereinafter approved, to be held and exercised by such trustee as therein contemplated;"

2. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, by unanimous written consent to corporate action dated August 18, 1998 adopted the following resolution pursuant to authority conferred upon the Executive Committee by the resolution of the Board of Directors set forth in paragraph 1:

"RESOLVED, that Special Voting Stock of the Corporation is hereby authorized, and the Executive Committee hereby fixes the number, powers, designations, preferences and relative,

participating, optional and other special rights, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions of such Special Voting Stock as follows:

I. **AUTHORIZED NUMBER AND DESIGNATION.** There is hereby created out of the authorized and unissued shares of Preferred Stock of the Corporation a series of Preferred Stock designated as “Special Voting Stock”. The number of shares constituting the Special Voting Stock shall be one (the “Special Voting Share”).

II. **DIVIDENDS.** Neither the holder nor, if different, the owner of the Special Voting Share shall be entitled to receive Corporation dividends in its capacity as holder or owner thereof.

III. **VOTING RIGHTS.** The holder of record of the Special Voting Share shall be entitled to all of the voting rights, including the right to vote in person or by proxy, of the Special Voting Share on any matters, questions, proposals or propositions whatsoever that may properly come before the shareholders of the Corporation at a Corporation meeting or in connection with a Corporation consent.

IV. **LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE.** Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation, the holder of the Special Voting Share shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to the stockholders, an amount equal to \$1.00 before any distribution is made on the common stock of the Corporation or any other stock ranking junior to the Special Voting Share as to distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up.

V. **RANKING.** The Special Voting Share shall, with respect to rights on liquidation, winding up and dissolution, rank (i) senior to all classes of common stock of the Corporation and (ii) junior to any other class of capital stock of the Corporation.

VI. **REDEMPTION.** The Special Voting Share shall not be subject to redemption, except that at such time as no exchangeable shares (“Exchangeable Shares”) of Merrill Lynch & Co., Canada Ltd. (other than Exchangeable Shares owned by the Corporation and its affiliates) shall be outstanding, the Special Voting Share shall automatically be redeemed and canceled, for an amount equal to \$1.00 due and payable upon such redemption.

VII. **OTHER PROVISIONS.** Pursuant to the terms of that certain Voting and Exchange Trust Agreement by and between Merrill Lynch & Co., Canada Ltd., the Corporation, and Montreal Trust Company of Canada, as such agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (the “Trust Agreement”):

(i) During the term of the Trust Agreement, the Corporation may not, without the consent of the holders of the Exchangeable Shares (as defined in the Trust Agreement), issue any shares of its Special Voting Stock in addition to the Special Voting Share;

(ii) the Special Voting Share entitles the holder of record to a number of votes at meetings of holders of Corporation common shares equal to the number of Exchangeable Shares (as defined by the Trust Agreement) outstanding from time to time (other than the Exchangeable Shares held by the Corporation and its affiliates);

(iii) the Trustee (as defined by the Trust Agreement) shall exercise the votes held by the Special Voting Share pursuant to and in accordance with the Trust Agreement;

(iv) the voting rights attached to the Special Voting Share shall terminate pursuant to and in accordance with the Trust Agreement; and

(v) the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions of such Special Voting Share shall be as otherwise provided in the Trust Agreement.”

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS

Pursuant to Section 151 of the
General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

FLOATING RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES 1

(Par Value \$1.00 Per Share)

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, pursuant to authority conferred upon the Board of Directors by the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation, which authorize the issuance of up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and pursuant to authority conferred upon the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, by Article IV, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Corporation and by the resolutions of the Board of Directors set forth herein, at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held on June 7, 2004:

1. The Board of Directors on June 7, 2004 adopted the following resolutions authorizing the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, or if designated by the Finance Committee, a sub-committee thereof consisting of at least two members, to act on behalf of the Board of Directors in connection with the designation, issuance and sale of up to 700,000 shares of preferred stock of the Corporation in one or more series (the "Preferred Stock") and depositary shares representing interests in the Preferred Stock (the "Depositary Shares"), upon such terms as may be deemed appropriate by the Finance Committee, or a sub-committee thereof, including,

but not limited to, determinations with respect to classes and series, dividend and liquidation rights and preferences (provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of the Preferred Stock, does not exceed \$7 billion), stated value, denomination, redemption and conversion or exchange features and to take all such actions in connection therewith as such Committee may deem necessary or appropriate:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Finance Committee, or if designated by the Finance Committee, a sub-committee thereof consisting of at least two members, (the “Committee”) to take all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate for the issuance and sale of up to 700,000 shares of the Corporation’s Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the “Preferred Stock”), or depository shares representing interests therein, in one or more series; provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of such Preferred Stock shall not exceed \$7 billion; and further provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of any one or more series of such Preferred Stock that are denominated in foreign currencies for purposes of the foregoing limit shall be calculated using the U.S. dollar equivalent thereof as determined on the date of sale;”

“FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee may approve the issuance of the Preferred Stock and fix all the designations and any of the preferences or rights of such Preferred Stock, including, but not limited to, those designations or preferences relating to voting rights, dividends, redemption, dissolution, any distribution of assets of the Corporation or the conversion into, or the exchange of such shares for, shares of any other class or classes or any other series of the same or any other class or classes of stock of the Corporation or fix the number of shares of any series of stock or authorize the increase or decrease of shares of any series of such Preferred Stock.”

2. The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, on October 25, 2004, adopted the following resolution pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Finance Committee by the resolution of the Board of Directors set forth in paragraph 1 above and pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Corporation and Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware:

“RESOLVED, that the issue of a series of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Corporation is hereby authorized and the designation, preferences and privileges, relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, in addition to those set forth in the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation, are hereby fixed as follows:

FLOATING RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES 1

(1) Number of Shares and Designation. 50,000 shares of the preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Corporation are hereby constituted as a series of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, designated as Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 1 (hereinafter called the “Preferred Stock, Series 1”).

(2) Dividends. (a) The holders of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall be entitled to receive, as, if and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly

authorized Committee thereof), out of assets of the Corporation legally available under Delaware law for the payment of dividends, non-cumulative cash dividends at the rate set forth below in this Section (2) applied to the amount of \$30,000 per share. Such dividends shall be payable quarterly, as, if and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof), on February 28, May 28, August 28 and November 28 (the "Payment Dates") commencing on February 28, 2005; provided that if any such Payment Date is not a New York Business Day and London Business Day, dividends (if declared) on the Preferred Stock, Series 1, will be paid on the immediately succeeding New York Business Day and London Business Day, without interest, unless such day falls in the next calendar month, in which case the Payment Date will be the immediately preceding New York Business Day and London Business Day. Each such dividend shall be payable to the holders of record of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, as they appear on the stock register of the Corporation on such record dates, which shall be a date not more than 30 nor less than 10 days preceding the applicable Payment Dates, as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof). "London Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted, or with respect to any future date are expected to be transacted, in the London interbank market. A "New York Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday and that, in New York City, is not a day on which banking institutions generally are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed.

(b) (i) Dividend periods ("Dividend Periods") shall commence on each Payment Date (other than the initial Dividend Period which shall commence on the date of original issue of the Preferred Stock, Series 1) and shall end on and include the calendar day next preceding the first day of the next Dividend Period. The dividend rate on the shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, for the period from the date of original issue thereof to and including February 28, 2005 shall be 3.00% per annum, and for each Dividend Period thereafter shall be a floating rate per annum equal to three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR plus 0.75%, but in no event will the rate be less than 3.00% per annum, of the \$30,000 liquidation preference per share of Preferred Stock, Series 1.

LIBOR, with respect to a Dividend Period, means the rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) for deposits in U.S. dollars for a three month period that normally appears on Moneyline Telerate Page 3750, as displayed on page "BBAM" (British Bankers Association Official BBA LIBOR Fixings) in the Bloomberg Professional Service (or any other service that may replace Moneyline Telerate, Inc. on page BBAM or any other page that may replace page BBAM on the Bloomberg Professional Service or a successor service, in each case, for the purpose of displaying London interbank offered rates of major banks) as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the second London Business Day immediately preceding the first day of such Dividend Period.

If LIBOR cannot be determined as described above, the Corporation will select four major banks in the London interbank market. The Corporation will request that the principal London offices of those four selected banks provide their offered quotations to prime banks in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the second London Business Day immediately preceding the first day of such Dividend Period. These quotations will be for deposits in U.S. dollars for a three month period. Offered quotations must be based on a principal amount equal to an amount that is representative of a single transaction in U.S. dollars in the market at the time.

If two or more quotations are provided, LIBOR for the Dividend Period will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations. If fewer than two quotations are provided, the Corporation will select three major banks in New York City and will then determine LIBOR for the Dividend Period as the arithmetic mean of rates quoted by those three major banks in New York City to leading European banks at approximately 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second London Business Day immediately preceding the first day of such Dividend Period. The rates quoted will be for loans in U.S. dollars, for a three month period. Rates quoted must be based on a principal amount equal to an amount that is representative of a single transaction in U.S. dollars in the market at the time. If fewer than three New York City banks selected by the Corporation are quoting rates, LIBOR for the applicable period will be the same as for the immediately preceding Dividend Period.

(ii) The amount of dividends payable for each full Dividend Period for the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall (if and when declared, as herein provided) be computed by dividing the dividend rate by four, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a percent, with five one-thousandths rounded upwards, and applying the resulting rate to the amount of \$30,000 per share. The amount of dividends payable for the initial Dividend Period on the Preferred Stock, Series 1, or any other period shorter than a full Dividend Period on the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall (if and when declared, as herein provided) be computed on the basis of 30-day months, a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed in any period of less than one month. The amount of dividends payable on the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent being rounded upwards.

(c) So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 are outstanding, the Corporation may not declare or pay dividends on, make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to the preferred stock of the Corporation of any series and any other stock of the Corporation ranking, as to dividends, on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 1 unless for such Dividend Period full dividends on all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1 have been declared, paid or set aside for payment. When dividends are not paid in full, as aforesaid, upon the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, and any other preferred stock and other stock of the Corporation ranking on a parity as to dividends with the Preferred Stock, Series 1, all dividends declared upon shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, and any other preferred stock and other stock of the Corporation ranking on a parity as to dividends (whether cumulative or non-cumulative) shall be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share on the Preferred Stock, Series 1, and all such other stock of the Corporation shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 (but without, in the case of any non-cumulative preferred stock, accumulation of unpaid dividends for prior Dividend Periods) and all such other stock bear to each other.

(d) So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 are outstanding, the Corporation may not, at any time, declare or pay dividends on, make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any Common Stock or any other stock of the Corporation ranking as to dividends or distribution of assets junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1 unless full dividends on all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1 has been declared, paid or set aside for payment for the immediately preceding Dividend Period (except for (x) dividends or distributions paid in shares of, or options, warrants

or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of, the Common Stock or other of the Corporation's capital stock ranking junior to Preferred Stock, Series 1 as to dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation, (y) redemptions or purchases of any rights pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, adopted on December 2, 1997 or any agreement that replaces such Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, or by conversion or exchange for the Corporation's capital stock ranking junior to Preferred Stock, Series 1 as to dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation and (z) purchases by the Corporation or its affiliates in connection with transactions effected by or for the account of customers of the Corporation or customers of any of its subsidiaries or in connection with the distribution or trading of such capital stock); provided, however, that the foregoing dividend preference shall not be cumulative and shall not in any way create any claim or right in favor of the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1 in the event that dividends have not been declared or paid on the Preferred Stock, Series 1 in respect of any prior Dividend Period. If the full dividend on the Preferred Stock, Series 1 is not paid for any Dividend Period, the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1 will have no claim in respect of the unpaid amount so long as no dividend (other than those referred to above) is paid on the Common Stock or other of the Corporation's capital stock ranking junior to Preferred Stock, Series 1 as to dividends and dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation.

(e) No dividends may be declared or paid or set aside for payment on any shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1 if at the same time any arrears exists in the payment of dividends on any outstanding class or series of stock of the Corporation ranking, as to the payment of dividends, prior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1.

(f) Holders of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full dividends, as herein provided, on the Preferred Stock, Series 1. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Preferred Stock, Series 1, which may be in arrears.

(3) Liquidation Preference. (a) In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, before any payment or distribution of the assets of the Corporation or proceeds thereof (whether capital or surplus) shall be made to or set apart for the holders of any series or class or classes of stock of the Corporation ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1, upon liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall be entitled to receive \$30,000 per share plus an amount equal to declared and unpaid dividends, without accumulation of undeclared dividends. If, upon any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation, or proceeds thereof, distributable among the holders of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall be insufficient to pay in full the preferential amount aforesaid and liquidating payments on any other shares of preferred stock ranking, as to liquidation, dissolution or winding up, on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 1, then such assets, or the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed among the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, and any such other preferred stock ratably in accordance with the respective amounts which would be payable on such shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, and any such other preferred stock if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. For the purposes of this Section (3), neither the sale,

lease or exchange (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation, nor the consolidation, merger or combination of the Corporation into or with one or more corporations or the consolidation, merger or combination of any other corporation or entity into or with the Corporation, shall be deemed to be a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation for purposes of this Section (3).

(b) After payment shall have been made in full to the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1, as provided in this Section (3), the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1 will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets of the Corporation. Subject to the rights of the holders of shares of any series or class or classes of stock ranking on a parity with or prior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, after payment shall have been made in full to the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1, as provided in this Section (3), but not prior thereto, any other series or class or classes of stock ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall, subject to the respective terms and provisions (if any) applying thereto, be entitled to receive any and all assets remaining to be paid or distributed, and the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall not be entitled to share therein.

(4) Redemption. (a) The Preferred Stock, Series 1, may not be redeemed prior to November 28, 2009. On and after November 28, 2009, the Corporation, at its option, may redeem shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, as a whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price of \$30,000 per share, together in each case with declared and unpaid dividends, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends. The Chief Financial Officer or the Treasurer may exercise the Corporation's right to redeem the Preferred Stock, Series 1 as a whole at any time without further action of the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof. The Corporation may only elect to redeem the Preferred Stock, Series 1 in part pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof.

(b) In the event the Corporation shall redeem shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, notice of such redemption shall be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, to each holder of record of the shares to be redeemed, at such holder's address as the same appears on the stock register of the Corporation. Each such notice shall state: (1) the redemption date; (2) the number of shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, to be redeemed and, if less than all the shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed from such holder; (3) the redemption price; and (4) the place or places where certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price. Notice having been mailed as aforesaid, from and after the redemption date (unless default shall be made by the Corporation in providing money for the payment of the redemption price) said shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding, and all rights of the holders thereof as stockholders of the Corporation (except the right to receive from the Corporation the redemption price) shall cease. The Corporation's obligation to provide moneys in accordance with the preceding sentence shall be deemed fulfilled if, on or before the redemption date, the Corporation shall deposit with a bank or trust company (which may be an affiliate of the Corporation) having an office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, having a capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, funds necessary for such redemption, in trust, with irrevocable instructions that such funds be applied to the redemption of the shares of

Preferred Stock, Series 1, so called for redemption. Any interest accrued on such funds shall be paid to the Corporation from time to time. Any funds so deposited and unclaimed at the end of two years from such redemption date shall be released or repaid to the Corporation, after which the holder or holders of such shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, so called for redemption shall look only to the Corporation for payment of the redemption price.

Upon surrender, in accordance with said notice, of the certificates for any such shares so redeemed (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be redeemed by the Corporation at the applicable redemption price aforesaid. If less than all the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, are to be redeemed, shares to be redeemed shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized committee thereof) from outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, not previously called for redemption by lot or pro rata or by any other method determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized committee thereof) to be equitable. If fewer than all the shares represented by any certificate are redeemed, a new certificate shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares without charge to the holder thereof.

The Preferred Stock, Series 1 will not be subject to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or other similar provisions. Holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1 will have no right to require redemption of any shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1.

(5) Terms Dependent on Regulatory Changes. If, (a) after the date of the issuance of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, the Corporation (by election or otherwise) becomes subject to any law, rule, regulation or guidance (together, "Regulations") relating to its capital adequacy which Regulation (x) provides for a type or level of capital characterized as "Tier 1" in, or pursuant to Regulations of any governmental agency, authority or body having regulatory jurisdiction over the Corporation and implementing, the capital standards published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or any other United States national governmental agency, authority or body, or (y) provides for a type or level of capital that in the judgment of the Committee (or any other committee of the Board of Directors then serving the functions of the Committee) after consultation with legal counsel of recognized standing is substantially equivalent to such "Tier 1" capital (such capital described in either (x) or (y) is referred to below as "Tier 1 Capital"), and (b) the Committee (or any other committee of the Board of Directors then serving the functions of the Committee) affirmatively elects to qualify the Preferred Stock, Series 1 for such Tier 1 Capital treatment without any sublimit or other quantitative restrictions on the inclusion of such Preferred Stock, Series 1 in Tier 1 Capital (other than any limitation requiring that common equity or a specified form of common equity constitute the dominant form of Tier 1 Capital) under such Regulations, then, upon such affirmative election, the terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 shall automatically be amended to reflect the following modifications (without any action or consent by the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 or any other vote of stockholders of the Corporation):

(i) If and to the extent such modification is a Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision (as defined below), the Corporation's right to redeem the Preferred Stock, Series 1 on and after November 28, 2009 pursuant to Section 4 hereof shall be restricted (such restrictions including

but not limited to any requirement that the Corporation receive prior approval for such redemption from any applicable governmental agency, authority or body or that such redemption be prohibited);

(ii) If and to the extent such modification is a Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision, the Corporation's right to make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire or make payments on, securities junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1 (upon a non-payment of dividends on the Preferred Stock, Series 1) shall become subject to additional restrictions (other than those set forth in Section 2(d) hereof) pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 1; and

(iii) If and to the extent such modification is a Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision, any other new provisions or terms shall be added to the Preferred Stock, Series 1, or existing terms shall be modified; provided, however, that no such provision or term shall be added, and no such modification shall be made pursuant to the terms of this Section 5(iii), if it would alter or change the rights, powers or preferences of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 so as to affect the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 adversely.

As used above, the term "Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision" means a term which is, in the written opinion of legal counsel of recognized standing and delivered to the Corporation, required for the Preferred Stock, Series 1 to be treated as Tier 1 Capital of the Corporation without any sublimit or other quantitative restriction on the inclusion of such Preferred Stock, Series 1 in Tier 1 Capital (other than any limitation requiring that common equity or a specified form of common equity constitute the dominant form of Tier 1 Capital) pursuant to the applicable Regulations. The Corporation shall provide notice to holders of any Preferred Stock, Series 1 of any such changes in the terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 1 made pursuant to the terms of this Section 5 on or about the date of effectiveness of any such modification and shall maintain a copy of such notice on file at the principal offices of the Corporation. A copy of the relevant Regulations shall also be on file at the principal offices of the Corporation and, upon request, will be made available to such holders.

(6) Voting Rights. The Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall have no voting rights, except as hereinafter set forth or as otherwise from time to time required by law. Whenever dividends payable on the Preferred Stock, Series 1, have not been declared or paid for such number of Dividend Periods, whether or not consecutive, which in the aggregate is equivalent to six Dividend Periods (a "Nonpayment"), the holders of outstanding shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall have the exclusive right, voting as a class with holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 1, either as to dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (to the extent such other series of preferred stock are entitled to vote pursuant to the terms thereof), to vote for the election of two additional directors at the next annual meeting of stockholders and at each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders. At elections for such directors, each holder of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall be entitled to three votes for each share of Preferred Stock, Series 1 held (the holders of shares of any other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity being entitled to such number of votes, if any, for each share of stock held as may be granted to them). Upon the vesting of such right of such holders, the maximum authorized number of members of the Board of Directors

shall automatically be increased by two and the two vacancies so created shall be filled by vote of the holders of such outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, (either alone or together with the holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity) as hereinafter set forth. The right of such holders of such shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, voting as a class with holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity, to elect members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation as aforesaid shall continue until all dividends on such shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall have been paid in full for at least four Dividend Periods following the Nonpayment. Upon payment in full of such dividends, such voting rights shall terminate except as expressly provided by law, subject to re-vesting in the event of each and every subsequent Nonpayment in the payment of dividends as aforesaid.

Upon termination of the right of the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, to vote for directors as herein provided, the term of office of all directors then in office elected by such holders will terminate immediately. If the office of any director elected by such holders voting as a class becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, the remaining director elected by such holders voting as a class may choose a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred. Whenever the term of office of the directors elected by such holders voting as a class shall end and the special voting rights shall have expired, the number of directors shall be such number as may be provided for in the By-laws irrespective of any increase made pursuant to the provisions hereof.

So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, remain outstanding, the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, outstanding at the time (voting as a class with all other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 1, either as to dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable), given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at any meeting called for the purpose, shall be necessary to permit, effect or validate any one or more of the following:

(i) the authorization, creation or issuance, or any increase in the authorized or issued amount, of any class or series of stock ranking prior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1, with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up; or

(ii) the amendment, alteration or repeal, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, of any of the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, or of the resolutions set forth in a Certificate of Designations for such Preferred Stock, Series 1, which would adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, or of the holders thereof;

provided, however, that any increase in the amount of issued Preferred Stock, Series 1 or authorized preferred stock or the creation and issuance, or an increase in the authorized or issued amount, of other series of preferred stock, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1, with respect to the payment of dividends (whether such dividends were cumulative or non-cumulative) and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or

winding up, shall not be deemed to adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

Without the consent of the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, so long as such action does not adversely affect the interests of holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1, the Corporation may amend, alter, supplement or repeal any terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 1:

(i) to cure any ambiguity, or to cure, correct or supplement any provision contained in a Certificate of Designations for such Preferred Stock, Series 1 that may be defective or inconsistent; or

(ii) to make any provision with respect to matters or questions arising with respect to the Preferred Stock, Series 1 that is not inconsistent with the provisions of a Certificate of Designations for such Preferred Stock, Series 1.

The rules and procedures for calling and conducting any meeting of the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1 (including, without limitation, the fixing of a record date in connection therewith), the solicitation and use of proxies at such a meeting, the obtaining of written consents, and any other aspect or matter with regard to such a meeting or such consents shall be governed by any rules the Board of Directors of the Corporation, or a duly authorized committee thereof, in its discretion, may adopt from time to time, which rules and procedures shall conform to the requirements of any national securities exchange on which the Preferred Stock, Series 1 are listed at the time.

The foregoing voting provisions shall not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall have been redeemed or sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such a redemption which is scheduled to be consummated within three months after the time that such rights would otherwise be exercisable.

(6) Record Holders. The Corporation and the transfer agent for the Preferred Stock, Series 1, may deem and treat the record holder of any share of such Preferred Stock as the true and lawful owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the Corporation nor such transfer agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

(7) Ranking. Any class or classes of stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to rank:

(i) on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 1, as to dividends or as to distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether or not the dividend rates, dividend payment dates, or redemption or liquidation prices per share thereof be different from those of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, if the holders of such class of stock and the Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall be entitled to the receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, as the case may be, in proportion to their respective dividend rates (whether cumulative or non-cumulative) or liquidation prices, without preference or priority one over the other; and

(ii) junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 1, as to dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if such stock shall be Common Stock or if the

holders of Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall be entitled to receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up, as the case may be, in preference or priority to the holders of shares of such stock.

(iii) the Shares of Preferred Stock of the Corporation designated “9% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A” shall be deemed to rank on a parity with the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 1, as to dividends and distribution of assets upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

(8) Exclusion of Other Rights. Unless otherwise required by law, shares of Preferred Stock, Series 1, shall not have any rights, including preemptive rights, or preferences other than those specifically set forth herein or as provided by applicable law.

(9) Notices. All notices or communications unless otherwise specified in the By-laws of the Corporation or the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, shall be sufficiently given if in writing and delivered in person or by first class mail, postage prepaid. Notice shall be deemed given on the earlier of the date received or the date such notice is mailed.”

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MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS

Pursuant to Section 151 of the

General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

FLOATING RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES 2

(Par Value \$1.00 Per Share)

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, pursuant to authority conferred upon the Board of Directors by the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation, which authorize the issuance of up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and pursuant to authority conferred upon the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, by Article IV, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Corporation and by the resolutions of the Board of Directors set forth herein, at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held on June 7, 2004:

1. The Board of Directors on June 7, 2004 adopted the following resolutions authorizing the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, or if designated by the Finance Committee, a sub-committee thereof consisting of at least two members, to act on behalf of the Board of Directors in connection with the designation, issuance and sale of up to 700,000 shares of preferred stock of the Corporation in one or more series (the "Preferred Stock") and depositary shares representing interests in the Preferred Stock (the "Depositary Shares"), upon such terms as may be deemed appropriate by the Finance Committee, or a sub-committee thereof, including, but not limited to, determinations with respect to classes and series, dividend and liquidation

rights and preferences (provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of the Preferred Stock, does not exceed \$7 billion), stated value, denomination, redemption and conversion or exchange features and to take all such actions in connection therewith as such Committee may deem necessary or appropriate:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Finance Committee, or if designated by the Finance Committee, a sub-committee thereof consisting of at least two members, (the “Committee”) to take all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate for the issuance and sale of up to 700,000 shares of the Corporation’s Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the “Preferred Stock”), or depositary shares representing interests therein, in one or more series; provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of such Preferred Stock shall not exceed \$7 billion; and further provided that the aggregate liquidation preference of any one or more series of such Preferred Stock that are denominated in foreign currencies for purposes of the foregoing limit shall be calculated using the U.S. dollar equivalent thereof as determined on the date of sale;”

“FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee may approve the issuance of the Preferred Stock and fix all the designations and any of the preferences or rights of such Preferred Stock, including, but not limited to, those designations or preferences relating to voting rights, dividends, redemption, dissolution, any distribution of assets of the Corporation or the conversion into, or the exchange of such shares for, shares of any other class or classes or any other series of the same or any other class or classes of stock of the Corporation or fix the number of shares of any series of stock or authorize the increase or decrease of shares of any series of such Preferred Stock.”

2. The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, on March 7, 2005, adopted the following resolution pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Finance Committee by the resolution of the Board of Directors set forth in paragraph 1 above and pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Corporation and Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware:

“RESOLVED, that the issue of a series of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Corporation is hereby authorized and the designation, preferences and privileges, relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, in addition to those set forth in the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation, are hereby fixed as follows:

FLOATING RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES 2

(1) Number of Shares and Designation. 50,000 shares of the preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Corporation are hereby constituted as a series of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, designated as Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2 (hereinafter called the “Preferred Stock, Series 2”).

(2) Dividends. (a) The holders of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall be entitled to receive, as, if and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof), out of assets of the Corporation legally available under Delaware

law for the payment of dividends, non-cumulative cash dividends at the rate set forth below in this Section (2) applied to the amount of \$30,000 per share. Such dividends shall be payable quarterly, in arrears, as, if and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof), on February 28, May 28, August 28 and November 28 (the "Payment Dates"); provided that if any such Payment Date is not a New York Business Day and London Business Day, the Payment Date will be the next succeeding day that is a New York Business Day and London Business Day, unless such day falls in the next calendar month, in which case the Payment Date will be the immediately preceding New York Business Day and London Business Day. The dividend, if declared, for the initial Dividend Period (as defined below) shall be paid on May 31, 2005 (the New York Business Day and London Business Day immediately succeeding May 28, 2005). Each such dividend shall be payable to the holders of record of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, as they appear on the stock register of the Corporation on such record dates, which shall be a date not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days preceding the applicable Payment Dates, as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized Committee thereof). "London Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted, or with respect to any future date are expected to be transacted, in the London interbank market. A "New York Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday and that, in New York City, is not a day on which banking institutions generally are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to be closed.

(b) (i) Dividend periods ("Dividend Periods") shall commence on each Payment Date (other than the initial Dividend Period which shall commence on the date of original issue of the Preferred Stock, Series 2) and shall end on and exclude the next succeeding Payment Date. The dividend rate on the shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, for the period from the date of original issue thereof to but excluding May 31, 2005 and for each Dividend Period thereafter shall be a floating rate per annum equal to three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR plus 0.65%, but in no event will the rate be less than 3.00% per annum, of the \$30,000 liquidation preference per share of Preferred Stock, Series 2.

The "three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR", with respect to a Dividend Period, means the rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) for deposits in U.S. dollars for a three month period that normally appears on Moneyline Telerate Page 3750, as displayed on page "BBAM" (British Bankers Association Official BBA LIBOR Fixings) in the Bloomberg Professional Service (or any other service that may replace Moneyline Telerate, Inc. on page BBAM or any other page that may replace page BBAM on the Bloomberg Professional Service or a successor service, in each case, for the purpose of displaying London interbank offered rates of major banks) as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the second London Business Day immediately preceding the first day of such Dividend Period.

If three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR cannot be determined as described above, the Corporation will select four major banks in the London interbank market. The Corporation will request that the principal London offices of those four selected banks provide their offered quotations to prime banks in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the second London Business Day immediately preceding the first day of such Dividend Period. These quotations will be for deposits in U.S. dollars for a three month period. Offered

quotations must be based on a principal amount equal to an amount that is representative of a single transaction in U.S. dollars in the market at the time.

If two or more quotations are provided, three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR for the Dividend Period will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations. If fewer than two quotations are provided, the Corporation will select three major banks in New York City and will then determine three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR for the Dividend Period as the arithmetic mean of rates quoted by those three major banks in New York City to leading European banks at approximately 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second London Business Day immediately preceding the first day of such Dividend Period. The rates quoted will be for loans in U.S. dollars, for a three month period. Rates quoted must be based on a principal amount equal to an amount that is representative of a single transaction in U.S. dollars in the market at the time. If fewer than three New York City banks selected by the Corporation are quoting rates, three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR for the applicable period will be the same as for the immediately preceding Dividend Period.

(ii) Dividends on the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall (if and when declared, as herein provided) be computed on the basis of a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed in each Dividend Period. Accordingly, the amount of dividends payable per share for each Dividend Period for the Preferred Stock, Series 2 shall (if and when declared, as herein provided) equal the product of (i) the applicable dividend rate, (ii) \$30,000 and (iii) a fraction (A) the numerator of which will be the actual number of days elapsed in such Dividend Period, and (B) the denominator of which will be 360. The amount of dividends payable on the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent being rounded upwards.

(c) So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 are outstanding, the Corporation may not declare or pay dividends on, make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire (except for purchases by the Corporation or its affiliates in connection with transactions effected by or for the account of customers of the Corporation or customers of any of its subsidiaries or in connection with the distribution or trading of such stock), or make a liquidation payment with respect to the preferred stock of the Corporation of any series and any other stock of the Corporation ranking, as to dividends, on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 2 unless for such Dividend Period full dividends on all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2 have been declared, paid or set aside for payment. When dividends are not paid in full, as aforesaid, upon the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, and any other preferred stock and other stock of the Corporation ranking on a parity as to dividends with the Preferred Stock, Series 2, all dividends declared upon shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, and any other preferred stock and other stock of the Corporation ranking on a parity as to dividends (whether cumulative or non-cumulative) shall be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share on the Preferred Stock, Series 2, and all such other stock of the Corporation shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 (but without, in the case of any non-cumulative preferred stock, accumulation of unpaid dividends for prior Dividend Periods) and all such other stock bear to each other.

(d) So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 are outstanding, the Corporation may not, at any time, declare or pay dividends on, make distributions with respect

to, or redeem, purchase or acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any Common Stock or any other stock of the Corporation ranking as to dividends or distribution of assets junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2 unless full dividends on all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2 have been declared, paid or set aside for payment for the immediately preceding Dividend Period (except for (x) dividends or distributions paid in shares of, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of, the Common Stock or other of the Corporation's capital stock ranking junior to Preferred Stock, Series 2 as to dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation, (y) redemptions or purchases of any rights pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, adopted on December 2, 1997 or any agreement that replaces such Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, or by conversion or exchange for the Corporation's capital stock ranking junior to Preferred Stock, Series 2 as to dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation and (z) purchases by the Corporation or its affiliates in connection with transactions effected by or for the account of customers of the Corporation or customers of any of its subsidiaries or in connection with the distribution or trading of such capital stock); provided, however, that the foregoing dividend preference shall not be cumulative and shall not in any way create any claim or right in favor of the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2 in the event that dividends have not been declared or paid on the Preferred Stock, Series 2 in respect of any prior Dividend Period. If the full dividend on the Preferred Stock, Series 2 is not paid for any Dividend Period, the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2 will have no claim in respect of the unpaid amount so long as no dividend (other than those referred to above) is paid on the Common Stock or other of the Corporation's capital stock ranking junior to Preferred Stock, Series 2 as to dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation.

(e) No dividends may be declared or paid or set aside for payment on any shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2 if at the same time any arrears exists in the payment of dividends on any outstanding class or series of stock of the Corporation ranking, as to the payment of dividends, prior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2.

(f) Holders of shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full dividends, as herein provided, on the Preferred Stock, Series 2. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Preferred Stock, Series 2, which may be in arrears.

(3) Liquidation Preference. (a) In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, before any payment or distribution of the assets of the Corporation or proceeds thereof (whether capital or surplus) shall be made to or set apart for the holders of any series or class or classes of stock of the Corporation ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2, upon liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall be entitled to receive \$30,000 per share plus an amount equal to declared and unpaid dividends, without accumulation of undeclared dividends. If, upon any liquidation, dissolution

or winding up of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation, or proceeds thereof, distributable among the holders of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall be insufficient to pay in full the preferential amount aforesaid and liquidating payments on any other shares of preferred stock ranking, as to liquidation, dissolution or winding up, on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 2, then such assets, or the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed among the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, and any such other preferred stock ratably in accordance with the respective amounts which would be payable on such shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, and any such other preferred stock if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. For the purposes of this Section (3), neither the sale, lease or exchange (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation, nor the consolidation, merger or combination of the Corporation into or with one or more corporations or the consolidation, merger or combination of any other corporation or entity into or with the Corporation, shall be deemed to be a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation for purposes of this Section (3).

(b) After payment shall have been made in full to the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2, as provided in this Section (3), the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2 will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets of the Corporation. Subject to the rights of the holders of shares of any series or class or classes of stock ranking on a parity with or prior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2, upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, after payment shall have been made in full to the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2, as provided in this Section (3), but not prior thereto, any other series or class or classes of stock ranking junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall, subject to the respective terms and provisions (if any) applying thereto, be entitled to receive any and all assets remaining to be paid or distributed, and the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall not be entitled to share therein.

(4) Redemption. (a) The Preferred Stock, Series 2, may not be redeemed prior to November 28, 2009. On and after November 28, 2009, the Corporation, at its option, may redeem shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, as a whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price of \$30,000 per share, together in each case with declared and unpaid dividends, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends. The Chief Financial Officer or the Treasurer may exercise the Corporation's right to redeem the Preferred Stock, Series 2 as a whole at any time without further action of the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof. The Corporation may only elect to redeem the Preferred Stock, Series 2 in part pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof.

(b) In the event the Corporation shall redeem shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, notice of such redemption shall be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, to each holder of record of the shares to be redeemed, at such holder's address as the same appears on the stock register of the Corporation. Each such notice shall state: (1) the redemption date; (2) the number of shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, to be redeemed and, if less than all the shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed from such holder; (3) the redemption price; and (4) the place or places where certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price. Notice having been mailed as aforesaid, from and after the redemption date (unless default shall be made by the Corporation in providing money for the payment of the redemption price) said shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding, and all rights of the holders thereof as stockholders of the Corporation (except the right to receive from the Corporation the redemption price) shall cease. The Corporation's obligation to provide

moneys in accordance with the preceding sentence shall be deemed fulfilled if, on or before the redemption date, the Corporation shall deposit with a bank or trust company (which may be an affiliate of the Corporation) having an office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, having a capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, funds necessary for such redemption, in trust, with irrevocable instructions that such funds be applied to the redemption of the shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, so called for redemption. Any interest accrued on such funds shall be paid to the Corporation from time to time. Any funds so deposited and unclaimed at the end of two years from such redemption date shall be released or repaid to the Corporation, after which the holder or holders of such shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, so called for redemption shall look only to the Corporation for payment of the redemption price.

Upon surrender, in accordance with said notice, of the certificates for any such shares so redeemed (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall so require and the notice shall so state), such shares shall be redeemed by the Corporation at the applicable redemption price aforesaid. If less than all the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, are to be redeemed, shares to be redeemed shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized committee thereof) from outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, not previously called for redemption by lot or pro rata or by any other method determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (or a duly authorized committee thereof) to be equitable. If fewer than all the shares represented by any certificate are redeemed, a new certificate shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares without charge to the holder thereof.

The Preferred Stock, Series 2 will not be subject to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or other similar provisions. Holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2 will have no right to require redemption of any shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2.

(5) Terms Dependent on Regulatory Changes. If, (a) the Corporation (by election or otherwise) is subject to any law, rule, regulation or guidance (together, "Regulations") relating to its capital adequacy which Regulation (x) provides for a type or level of capital characterized as "Tier 1" in, or pursuant to Regulations of any governmental agency, authority or body having regulatory jurisdiction over the Corporation and implementing, the capital standards published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or any other United States national governmental agency, authority or body, or (y) provides for a type or level of capital that in the judgment of the Committee (or any other committee of the Board of Directors then serving the functions of the Committee) after consultation with legal counsel of recognized standing is substantially equivalent to such "Tier 1" capital (such capital described in either (x) or (y) is referred to below as "Tier 1 Capital"), and (b) the Committee (or any other committee of the Board of Directors then serving the functions of the Committee) affirmatively elects to qualify the Preferred Stock, Series 2 for such Tier 1 Capital treatment without any sublimit or other quantitative restrictions on the inclusion of such Preferred Stock, Series 2 in Tier 1 Capital (other than any limitation requiring that common equity or a specified form of common equity constitute the dominant form of Tier 1 Capital) under such Regulations, then, upon such affirmative election, the terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 shall automatically be amended to reflect the following modifications (without any action or consent by the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 or any other vote of stockholders of the Corporation):

(i) If and to the extent such modification is a Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision (as defined below), the Corporation's right to redeem the Preferred Stock, Series 2 on and after November 28, 2009 pursuant to Section 4 hereof shall be restricted (such restrictions including but not limited to any requirement that the Corporation receive prior approval for such redemption from any applicable governmental agency, authority or body or that such redemption be prohibited);

(ii) If and to the extent such modification is a Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision, the Corporation's right to make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire or make payments on, securities junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2 (upon a non-payment of dividends on the Preferred Stock, Series 2) shall become subject to additional restrictions (other than those set forth in Section 2(d) hereof) pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 2; and

(iii) If and to the extent such modification is a Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision, any other new provisions or terms shall be added to the Preferred Stock, Series 2, or existing terms shall be modified; provided, however, that no such provision or term shall be added, and no such modification shall be made pursuant to the terms of this Section 5(iii), if it would alter or change the rights, powers or preferences of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 so as to affect the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 adversely.

As used above, the term "Required Unrestricted Tier 1 Provision" means a term which is, in the written opinion of legal counsel of recognized standing and delivered to the Corporation, required for the Preferred Stock, Series 2 to be treated as Tier 1 Capital of the Corporation without any sublimit or other quantitative restriction on the inclusion of such Preferred Stock, Series 2 in Tier 1 Capital (other than any limitation requiring that common equity or a specified form of common equity constitute the dominant form of Tier 1 Capital) pursuant to the applicable Regulations. The Corporation shall provide notice to holders of any Preferred Stock, Series 2 of any such changes in the terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 2 made pursuant to the terms of this Section 5 on or about the date of effectiveness of any such modification and shall maintain a copy of such notice on file at the principal offices of the Corporation. A copy of the relevant Regulations shall also be on file at the principal offices of the Corporation and, upon request, will be made available to such holders.

(6) Voting Rights. The Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall have no voting rights, except as hereinafter set forth or as otherwise from time to time required by law. Whenever dividends payable on the Preferred Stock, Series 2, have not been declared or paid for such number of Dividend Periods, whether or not consecutive, which in the aggregate is equivalent to six Dividend Periods (a "Nonpayment"), the holders of outstanding shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall have the exclusive right, voting as a class with holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 2, either as to dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (to the extent such other series of preferred stock are entitled to vote pursuant to the terms thereof), to vote for the election of two additional directors at the next annual meeting of stockholders and at each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders on the terms set forth below. At elections for such directors, each holder of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall be entitled to three votes for each share of Preferred Stock, Series

2 held (the holders of shares of any other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity being entitled to such number of votes, if any, for each share of stock held as may be granted to them). Upon the vesting of such right of such holders, the maximum authorized number of members of the Board of Directors shall automatically be increased by two and the two vacancies so created shall be filled by vote of the holders of such outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, (either alone or together with the holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity) as hereinafter set forth. The right of such holders of such shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, voting as a class with holders of shares of all other series of preferred stock ranking on such a parity, to elect members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation as aforesaid shall continue until all dividends on such shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall have been paid in full for at least four Dividend Periods following the Nonpayment. Upon payment in full of such dividends, such voting rights shall terminate except as expressly provided by law, subject to re-vesting in the event of each and every subsequent Nonpayment in the payment of dividends as aforesaid.

Upon termination of the right of the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, to vote for directors as herein provided, the term of office of all directors then in office elected by such holders will terminate immediately. If the office of any director elected by such holders voting as a class becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, the remaining director elected by such holders voting as a class may choose a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred. Whenever the term of office of the directors elected by such holders voting as a class shall end and the special voting rights shall have expired, the number of directors shall be such number as may be provided for in the By-laws irrespective of any increase made pursuant to the provisions hereof.

So long as any shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, remain outstanding, the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, outstanding at the time (voting as a class with all other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 2, either as to dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable), given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at any meeting called for the purpose, shall be necessary to permit, effect or validate any one or more of the following:

(i) the authorization, creation or issuance, or any increase in the authorized or issued amount, of any class or series of stock ranking prior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2, with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up; or

(ii) the amendment, alteration or repeal, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, of any of the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, or of the resolutions set forth in a Certificate of Designations for such Preferred Stock, Series 2, which would adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, or of the holders thereof;

provided, however, that any increase in the amount of issued Preferred Stock, Series 2 or authorized preferred stock or the creation and issuance, or an increase in the authorized or issued

amount, of other series of preferred stock, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2, with respect to the payment of dividends (whether such dividends were cumulative or non-cumulative) and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, shall not be deemed to adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

Without the consent of the holders of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, so long as such action does not adversely affect the interests of holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2, the Corporation may amend, alter, supplement or repeal any terms of the Preferred Stock, Series 2:

(i) to cure any ambiguity, or to cure, correct or supplement any provision contained in a Certificate of Designations for such Preferred Stock, Series 2 that may be defective or inconsistent; or

(ii) to make any provision with respect to matters or questions arising with respect to the Preferred Stock, Series 2 that is not inconsistent with the provisions of a Certificate of Designations for such Preferred Stock, Series 2.

The rules and procedures for calling and conducting any meeting of the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2 (including, without limitation, the fixing of a record date in connection therewith), the solicitation and use of proxies at such a meeting, the obtaining of written consents, and any other aspect or matter with regard to such a meeting or such consents shall be governed by any rules the Board of Directors of the Corporation, or a duly authorized committee thereof, in its discretion, may adopt from time to time, which rules and procedures shall conform to the requirements of any national securities exchange on which the Preferred Stock, Series 2 are listed at the time.

The foregoing voting provisions shall not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall have been redeemed or sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such a redemption which is scheduled to be consummated within three months after the time that such rights would otherwise be exercisable.

(6) Record Holders. The Corporation and the transfer agent for the Preferred Stock, Series 2, may deem and treat the record holder of any share of such Preferred Stock as the true and lawful owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the Corporation nor such transfer agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

(7) Ranking. Any class or classes of stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to rank:

(i) on a parity with the Preferred Stock, Series 2, as to dividends or as to distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether or not the dividend rates, dividend payment dates, or redemption or liquidation prices per share thereof be different from those of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, if the holders of such class of stock and the Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall be entitled to the receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, as the case may be, in proportion to their respective dividend rates (whether cumulative or non-cumulative) or liquidation prices, without preference or priority one over the other; and

(ii) junior to the Preferred Stock, Series 2, as to dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if such stock shall be Common Stock or if the holders of Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall be entitled to receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up, as the case may be, in preference or priority to the holders of shares of such stock.

(iii) the Shares of Preferred Stock of the Corporation designated "Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 1" shall be deemed to rank on a parity with the shares of the Preferred Stock, Series 2, as to dividends and distribution of assets upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

(8) Exclusion of Other Rights. Unless otherwise required by law, shares of Preferred Stock, Series 2, shall not have any rights, including preemptive rights, or preferences other than those specifically set forth herein or as provided by applicable law.

(9) Notices. All notices or communications unless otherwise specified in the By-laws of the Corporation or the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, shall be sufficiently given if in writing and delivered in person or by first class mail, postage prepaid. Notice shall be deemed given on the earlier of the date received or the date such notice is mailed."

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

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[LETTERHEAD OF SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP]

March 9, 2005

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
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New York, New York 10080

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As your counsel, we have examined a copy of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (hereinafter called the "Company"), certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. We are familiar with the corporate proceedings had in connection with the proposed issuance and sale by the Company to the Underwriters named in the Underwriting Agreement dated March 7, 2005 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among the Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, acting on its own behalf and as Representative of the several Underwriters named therein (the "Underwriters"), of 40,800,000 (46,920,000 if the Underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full) Depositary Shares (the "Depositary Shares"), each representing a 1/1200th interest in a share of the Company's Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2 (the "Preferred Stock"). We have also examined a copy of the Deposit Agreement between the Company and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Depositary, to be dated March 14, 2005 (the "Deposit Agreement"), and the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-122639) relating to the Preferred Stock (the "Registration Statement"). Based on the foregoing and upon such further investigation as we deemed relevant for these purposes, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Company has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware.

2. The Preferred Stock has been duly authorized by the Company and when the Preferred Stock has been duly executed in accordance with the terms of the By-laws of the Company, and issued and delivered pursuant to the Deposit Agreement and the Underwriting Agreement against payment of the consideration set forth therein, will be validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and as an exhibit to the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated March 9, 2005.

Very truly yours,

/s/ SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD LLP