

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> – Montag Thomas K.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC [MER]				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER	00/04/2008	Issuer	of Reporting Person(s) to k all applicable) 10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10080		X         Officer (give title below)         Other (specify below)            Executive Vice President			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I	I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		

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

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable		3. Title and Amount of		4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	and Expiration Date		Securities Underlying Derivative		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			Security		Price of Derivative		(Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Derivative	Security: Direct	
	Date	Expiration		Amount or Number of	Security	(D) or Indirect	
	Exercisable	Date	Title	Shares		(I)	
				Shares		(Instr. 5)	

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Montag Thomas K. C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10080			Executive Vice President			

### Signatures

 Thomas K. Montag (By Pia K. Thompson, as agent)
 08/06/2008

 Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C.
- \*\* 78ff(a).

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

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I hereby appoint Richard B. Alsop, Judith A. Witterschein, Cara I. Londin, Mason A. Reeves, Gale Chang, Pia K. Thompson and Margaret E. Nelson to act individually as my agent and attorney-in-fact for the purpose of completing, executing and filing on my behalf with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. or any other exchange or self regulatory body, any Form 3 "Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities", Form 4 "Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities", Form 5 "Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities", Form 144 "Notice of Proposed Sale of Securities", or any other similar form to report securities ownership that may, in the opinion of any of them be necessary, with respect to any transaction in securities of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Nothing herein shall relieve me of the responsibility for the accuracy of the information and representations contained in any Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, Form 144 or other similar form completed, executed and filed pursuant to this power of attorney.

This power of attorney shall supersede all similar prior powers of attorney and will remain effective as to the agents and attorneys-in-fact referred to above until I revoke or amend it by written notice to such persons.

/s/ Thomas K. Montag Thomas K. Montag

State of New York County of New York

Sworn to before me this 15th

day of July, 2008.

/s/ Jae Eun Kye

Notary

Jae Eun Kye Notary Public, State of New York No.01KY6123186, Qualified in New York County Commission Expires February 28, 2009