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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting MERRILL LYNCH & CO II	2. Issuer Name BlackRock Ir			Trading S	ymbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X10% Owner					
(Last) (First) 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CE VESEY STREET	(Middle) NTER, 250	3. Date of Earlie 12/23/2008	est Transact	tion (Month/Da	ay/Yea	r)	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify b	eelow)	
(Street)		4. If Amendmen	t, Date Ori	ginal	Filed(Mon	th/Day/	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing	Check Applica	ole Line)		
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(City) (State)	(Zip)	1	Γable I - N	on-E	Derivative	Secui	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of, or Beneficially	Owned		
1.Title of Security	2A. Deemed	3.		4 Securi	ities A	cquired (A)	5. Amount of Securities	6.	7. Nature		
(Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Code		or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		(I) (Instr. 4)	t (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		800	D	\$ 129.60	52,285,317 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		400	D	\$ 129.59	52,284,917 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		100	D	\$ 129.58	52,284,817 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 129.575	52,284,517 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		800	D	\$ 129.57	52,283,717 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		100	D	\$ 129.56	52,283,617 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		200	D	\$ 129.55	52,283,417 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		800	D	\$ 129.527	5 52,282,617 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		400	D	\$ 129.505	52,282,217 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		1,100	D	\$ 129.50	52,281,117 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		1,100	D	\$ 129.485	52,280,017 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		400	D	\$ 129.482	5 52,279,617 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	

Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.475	52,279,517 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	400	D	\$ 129.4725	52,279,117 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	200	D	\$ 129.47	52,278,917 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	217	D	\$ 129.46	52,278,700 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	483	D	\$ 129.45	52,278,217 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	300	D	\$ 129.435	52,277,917 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.43	52,277,817 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	300	D	\$ 129.42	52,277,517 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	600	D	\$ 129.41	52,276,917 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	423	D	\$ 129.40	52,276,494 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.39	52,276,394 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	177	D	\$ 129.36	52,276,217 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	300	D	\$ 129.3525	52,275,917 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.35	52,275,817 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	300	D	\$ 129.3425	52,275,517 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	500	D	\$ 129.34	52,275,017 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	200	D	\$ 129.335	52,274,817 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	500	D	\$ 129.33	52,274,317 (2) (3)	I	See footnote

Common Stock

12/23/2008

See footnote

(1)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		Number		and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Underlying		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER 250 VESEY STREET NEW YORK, NY 10080		X				
MERRILL LYNCH INVESTMENT MANAGERS LP C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 250 VESEY ST. NEW YORK, NY 10080		X				
Merrill Lynch Group, Inc. C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 250 VESEY ST. NEW YORK, NY 10080		X				
Princeton Services, Inc. C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 250 VESEY ST. NEW YORK, NY 10080		X				
MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INC C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 250 VESEY ST. NEW YORK, NY 10080		X				
MERRILL LYNCH BANK & TRUST CO FSB C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 250 VESEY ST. NEW YORK, NY 10080		X				

Signatures

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Assistant Secretary		12/29/2008				
**Signature of Reporting Person						
Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, L.P. By: Princeton Services, Inc., its General Partner. By: Jonathan Santelli, Vice President and Secretary						
**Signature of Reporting Person						
Merrill Lynch Group, Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Authorized Person						
**Signature of Reporting Person						
Princeton Services, Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Vice President and Secretary						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Assistant Secretary	12/29/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB By: Jonathan Santelli, Authorized Person	12/29/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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subsidiary of ML&Co. MLBT-FSB is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co. MLPF&S is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co.

- This statement is being filed by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co"), Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, L.P. ("MLIM"), Merrill Lynch Group, Inc. ("ML Group"),
 Princeton Services, Inc. ("Princeton Services"), Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S") and Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB ("MLBT-FSB") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). Princeton Services is the general partner of MLIM and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML Group, which is a wholly-owned
- On December 23, 2008, MLIM sold a total of 200,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") of BlackRock Inc. ("BlackRock") held by (2) it pursuant to Rule 144 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after which ML&Co indirectly through its wholly-owned subsidiaries beneficially owned 52,196,417 shares of Common Stock of BlackRock and MLIM and Princeton Services each beneficially owned zero shares of Common Stock of BlackRock.
- In addition, on December 23, 2008, each of the following transactions were effected, each of which is exempt from Section 16 of the Exchange Act pursuant to Rule 16a-13 or otherwise: ML&Co contributed all of the Shares held by it to ML Group, MLIM transferred all the shares of Common Stock (other than the 200,000 shares of Common Stock sold pursuant to Rule 144) and Preferred Stock held by it to ML Group and each of Fund Asset Management, L.P. and Princeton Administrators, L.P. (each of which is a wholly-owned direct or indirect subsidiary of ML&Co) transferred all of the shares of Common Stock held by it to ML Group.

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