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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 I	2. Issuer Name BlackRock Ir			Trading S	ymbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, 250 VESEY STREET		3. Date of Earlie 12/23/2008	est Transact	tion (Month/Da	ay/Yea	ur)	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify b	pelow)		
(Street)		4. If Amendmen	t, Date Ori	ginal	Filed(Mon	th/Day/	Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing	Check Applica	ble Line)		
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(City) (State)	(Zip)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3.				cquired (A)	<u> </u>	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect		
	(Month/Day/Year)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership		
		(Month/Day/Tear)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		500	D	\$ 129.32	2 52,273,817 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 129.29	52,273,517 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 129.28	52,273,217 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		200	D	\$ 129.26	5 52,273,017 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 129.25	5 52,272,717 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 129.245	52,272,417 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		1,000	D	\$ 129.24	52,271,417 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		100	D	\$ 129.23	5 52,271,317 (2) (3)	I	See footnote		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		200	D	\$ 129.22	2 52,271,117 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		1,100 D \$ 129.21 52,270,01		52,270,017 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)			
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		100	D	\$ 129.20	52,269,917 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		100	D	\$ 129.187	5 52,269,817 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)		

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Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	123	D	\$ 129.18	52,269,694 (2) (3)	I	footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	600	D	\$ 129.17	52,269,094 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	300	D	\$ 129.165	52,268,794 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 129.16	52,267,794 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.155	52,267,694 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	551	D	\$ 129.15	52,267,143 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	1,123	D	\$ 129.14	52,266,020 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.135	52,265,920 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	349	D	\$ 129.13	52,265,571 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	1,300	D	\$ 129.12	52,264,271 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	400	D	\$ 129.11	52,263,871 (2) (3)	I	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	654	D	\$ 129.10	52,263,217 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.09	52,263,117 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	1,100	D	\$ 129.06	52,262,017 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 129.055	52,261,917 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	800	D	\$ 129.05	52,261,117 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	900	D	\$ 129.04	52,260,217 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	700	D	\$ 129.03	52,259,517 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)		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		12/29/2008				
**Signature of Reporting Person						
Merrill Lynch Group, Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Authorized Person		12/29/2008				
**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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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- 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 subsidiary of ML&Co. MLBT-FSB is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co.
- 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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