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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 MERRILL LYNCH & CO II	2. Issuer Name a BlackRock Inc	e. [BLK]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
(Last) (First) 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CE VESEY STREET	NANCIAL CENTER, 250 12/23/				/lonth/Day	/Year)		Officer (give title below)Other (specify below)			
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10080		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Reporting Person X_Form filed by More than One Reportin		ble Line)	
(City) (State)	(Zip)	T	able I - No	n-De	erivative S	Securit	ies Acaui	red, Disposed of, or Beneficially	Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr. 8)		1	ties Ac isposed	equired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirec Beneficia Ownershi	
		· · /	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		800	D	\$ 129.02	52,258,717 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 129.01	52,258,417 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		13,100	D	\$ 129	52,245,317 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 128.99	52,245,017 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		40	D	\$ 128.97	52,244,977 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		260	D	\$ 128.95	52,244,717 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		100	D	\$ 128.93	52,244,617 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		200	D	\$ 128.92	52,244,417 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		1,200	D	\$ 128.91	52,243,217 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		100	D	\$ 128.89	52,243,117 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		200	D	\$ 128.88	52,242,917 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		400	D	\$ 128.86	52,242,517 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		127	D	\$ 128.85	52,242,390 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote	

Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 128.84	52,242,290 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	200	D	\$ 128.81	52,242,090 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	500	D	\$ 128.80	52,241,590 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	200	D	\$ 128.79	52,241,390 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 128.78	52,240,390 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	700	D	\$ 128.77	52,239,690 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 128.75	52,239,590 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	40	D	\$ 128.74	52,239,550 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 128.73	52,239,450 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	1,560	D	\$ 128.72	52,237,890 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	600	D		52,237,290 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	100	D	\$ 128.69	52,237,190 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	600	D	\$ 128.68	52,236,590 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	600	D	\$ 128.65	52,235,990 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	500	D	\$ 128.64	52,235,490 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	200	D	\$ 128.62	52,235,290 (2) (3)	Ι	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	980	D	\$ 128.61	52,234,310 (2) (3)	Ι	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
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.	5.			6. Date Exer	cisable	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n N	lumbe	er	and Expirati	on Date	Amo	unt of	Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code	o	f		(Month/Day	/Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	D	Deriva	tive			Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative				S	ecurit	ies			(Instr	. 3 and		Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)
	Security				A	cquir	ed			4)			0	Direct (D)	
					· ·	A) or							1	or Indirect	
						Dispos	ed						Transaction(s)		
						f (D)							(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					· ·	(Instr. 3,									
					4,	, and	5)								
											Amount				
								Date	Expiration		or				
								Exercisable	*	Title	Number				
								LACICISADIC	Date		of				
				Code V	/ (.	A)	(D)				Shares				

# **Reporting Owners**

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

## Signatures

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Assistant Secretary						
-**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	12/29/2008					
Signature of Reporting Person						
Princeton Services, Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Vice President and Secretary	12/29/2008					
-**Signature of Reporting Person	Date					

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

### **Explanation of Responses:**

\* 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 (3) 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

Stock sold pursuant to Rule 144) and Preterred 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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