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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting MERRILL LYNCH & CO II	2. Issuer Name BlackRock In			Trading S	ymbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CE VESEY STREET	(Middle) NTER, 250	3. Date of Earlie 12/23/2008	est Transac	tion (Month/Da	ay/Yea	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify b	pelow)	
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10080		4. If Amendmen	it, Date Ori	ginal	Filed(Mon	nth/Day/	_	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Reporting Person X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting	-	ble Line)
(City) (State)	(Zip)	ŗ	Table I - N	on-I	Derivative	Secui	ities Acquir	red, Disposed of, or Beneficially	Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		or Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	5) ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/23/2008		Code	V	Amount 300	D D	Price \$ 128.23	52,218,750 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		400	D	\$ 128.1975	52,218,350 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 128.18	52,218,050 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		400	D	\$ 128.175	52,217,650 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		300	D	\$ 128.17	52,217,350 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		400	D	\$ 128.16	52,216,950 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		160	D	\$ 128.15	52,216,790 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		1,068	D	\$ 128.14	52,215,722 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		573	D	\$ 128.13	52,215,149 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		1,300	D	\$ 128.11	52,213,849 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		160	D	\$ 128.10	52,213,689 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S		200	D	\$ 128.09	52,213,489 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)

Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	800	D	\$ 128.08	52,212,689 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	500	D	\$ 128.07	52,212,189 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	900	D	\$ 128.06	52,211,289 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	300	D	\$ 128.03	52,210,989 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	200	D	\$ 128.02	52,210,789 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	300	D	\$ 128.01	52,210,489 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2008	S	14,072	D	\$ 128	52,196,417 (2) (3)	I	See footnote (1)

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

Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		5. Numbor of Deriv Secur Acquir (A) or Disposof (D) (Instr. 4, and	ative ities ired rosed) . 3,	6. Date Exer and Expiration (Month/Day)	on Date	Amou Unde Secur	unt of rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial	
				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	Date				
Merrill Lynch Group, Inc. By: Jonathan Santelli, Authorized Person	12/29/2008				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				
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				
**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"), (1) 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. MLPF&S 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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