

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 Person* FAKAHANY AHMASS L		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC [MER]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ Executive Vice President & CFO	
(Last) (First) (Middle) MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2004			
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10080		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)					

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/26/2004		A		72,932 (1)	A	\$ 0	259,403 (2)	D	

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Appreciation Right (3)	\$ 59.85	01/26/2004		A		53,908	(4)	01/26/2014	Common Stock	\$ 0	53,908	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FAKAHANY AHMASS L MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10080			Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

Ahmass L. Fakahany (by Michael A. LaMaina, as agent)	01/28/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	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).

(1) These Restricted Shares were granted on January 26, 2004 pursuant to the Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. The Vesting and Restricted Periods for the Restricted Shares shall begin on January 1, 2004 and shall end on January 31, 2008. Transactions under this plan are exempt under the provisions of Rule 16b-3.

- (2) This total also reflects the acquisition of shares of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Common Stock as a result of allocations and dividend reinvestments through various Merrill Lynch plans which is exempt from the reporting requirements under the provisions of Rule 16a-3 and/or Rule 16a-11.
- (3) These stock appreciation rights were granted under the Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. Transactions under this plan are exempt under the provisions of Rule 16b-3.
- (4) 13,477 stock appreciation rights will become exercisable after each of 1/26/2005, 1/26/2006, 1/26/2007 and 1/26/2008.

**Remarks:**

All reported positions have been rounded down to the nearest whole number.

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