

BlackRock Inc.  
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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 \*  
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BlackRock Inc. [BLK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/26/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10080

(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  | 12/26/2008                           |  | D <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 49,865,000  | D  | <u>(1)</u><br><u>(2)</u>                              |
| Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock        | 12/26/2008                           |  | D <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 12,604,918  | D  | <u>(1)</u><br>0                                       |
| Series B Non-Voting Convertible Participating Pref. Stock | 12/26/2008                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 62,469,918  | A  | <u>(1)</u><br><u>(2)</u>                              |

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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 (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC<br>4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10080                  | X             | X         |         |       |
| Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.<br>4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10080               | X             | X         |         |       |
| MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INC<br>4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10080 | X             | X         |         |       |
| MERRILL LYNCH BANK & TRUST CO FSB<br>4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10080       | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. By: Jonathan N. Santelli, Assistant Secretary 12/30/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

Merrill Lynch Group, Inc. By: Jonathan N. Santelli, Authorized Person 12/30/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated By: Jonathan N. Santelli, Assistant Secretary

12/30/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB By: Jonathan N. Santelli, Authorized Person

12/30/2008

\_\_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).

The disposition of the Common Stock and the Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock was effected pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, dated as of December 26, 2008, between Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and BlackRock, Inc., and the exercise of rights under Sections 3.5 of the Amended and Restated Stockholder Agreement, dated as of December 26, 2008, between Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

(1) and BlackRock, Inc., in exchange in each case for a number of shares of Series B Non-Voting Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of BlackRock, Inc. equal to the number of shares of Common Stock and Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, respectively delivered in the transaction. The closing of such transaction is subject to certain non-U.S. regulatory approvals.

(2) Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. owns the Common Stock and Series B Non-Voting Convertible Participating Preferred Stock indirectly through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Merrill Lynch Group, Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB. Up to 774 shares of Common Stock are held in discretionary client accounts as to which Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. may be deemed not to have a pecuniary interest.

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