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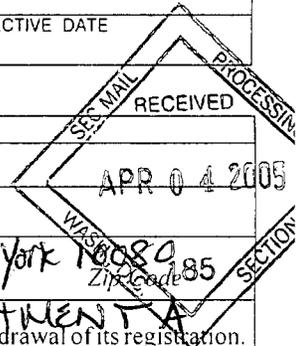
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FORM TA-W

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM REGISTRATION  
AS TRANSFER AGENT

Pursuant To Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Read all instructions on reverse side before preparing form. Please print or type.



1. Transfer Agent File No.: 84-820 2. Full name of registrant: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

3. Name under which transfer agent activities are conducted, if different from above: N/A

4. Address of registrants principal place of business: 4 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10080  
*No. and street City State Zip Code*

5. Furnish registrants reasons for ceasing the performance of transfer agent functions or for otherwise requesting withdrawal of its registration. SEE ATTACHMENT A

6. Furnish the last date registrant performed transfer agent functions as defined by Section 3(a)(25) of the Act for any security, including debt and equity, registered under Section 12 of the Act or which would be required to be registered except for the exemption from registration provided by subsection (g)(2)(B) or (g)(2)(G) of that section. October 20, 2003

Does registrant have any intention of performing in the near future a transfer agent function for any such security? NO

7. Is registrant directly or indirectly involved in any legal actions or proceedings or aware of any potential claims (including out-of-proof conditions) against it in connection with its performance of transfer agent functions for any security? If so, furnish complete information with respect to each.  
 Yes  No

8. Are there any unsatisfied judgments or liens against registrant arising out of its performance of transfer agent functions for any security? If so, furnish complete information regarding each judgment or lien.  
 Yes  No

9. For each issue shown on Schedule B of registrants Form TA-I, as amended, and for any issues for which registrant assumed transfer agent functions since the last amendment to Schedule B, furnish the name(s) and address(es) of any successor transfer agent(s) and state whether such transfer agent(s) is registered as a transfer agent pursuant to the Act. If there is no successor transfer agent(s), so state. N/A

10. For each issue shown on Schedule B of registrants Form TA-I, as amended, and for any issues for which registrant assumed transfer agent functions since the last amendment to Schedule B, furnish the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) who has or will have custody or possession of the books and records which registrant maintained in connection with its performance of transfer agent functions. N/A

11. Furnish the address(es), if different from Item 10, where such books and records will be located. SEE ATTACHMENT B

12. EXECUTION. The registrant submitting this Form and its attachments and the person executing it represent hereby that it and all materials filed in connection therewith contain a true, correct and complete statement of all required information. Registrant also consents hereby to make the books and records it is required to preserve by Rules 17A d-6 and 7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.17A d-6 and 7) available for examination by authorized representatives of the Securities and Exchange Commission during the period the rules require registrant to preserve such books and records and hereby authorizes the person having custody of such books and records to make them available to such representatives.

**ATTENTION**  
Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).)

Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005  
Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.  
(Name of transfer agent)  
Judith A. Watterschein  
(Manual signature of principal officer or duly authorized principal)  
Judith A. Watterschein  
(Printed name of principal officer or duly authorized principal)  
Corporate Secretary 212 670-0420  
(Title) (Telephone number)

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF FORM TA-W

1. Form TA-W is to be used by those transfer agents registered with the Commission to withdraw from registration as a transfer agent.

In accordance with the rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, notice to withdraw from registration filed by a transfer agent shall become effective on the 60th day after the filing thereof with the Commission or within such shorter period of time as the Commission may determine. If a notice to withdraw from registration is filed with the Commission any time subsequent to the date of issuance of an order instituting proceedings pursuant to Section 17A(c)(3)(A), or if prior to the effective date of the notice of withdrawal the Commission institutes such a proceeding or a proceeding to impose terms and conditions upon such withdrawal, the notice of withdrawal shall not become effective except at such time and upon such terms and conditions as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in furtherance of the purposes of Section 17A.

2. Before registrations may be withdrawn, transfer agents are required to file three completed copies of Form TA-W with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549. An exact copy of Form TA-W should be retained for your records.
3. Copies of Form TA-W may be duplicated and are acceptable for filing provided they are legible, of type size identical to that in the Form and on good quality, unglazed, white paper, 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches in size.
4. All copies of the Form filed shall be executed with an original, manual signature at Item 12. If Form TA-W is filed by a corporation, it shall be signed in the name of the corporation by a duly authorized principal officer; if it is filed other than by a corporation, it shall be signed by a duly authorized principal of the organization filing the Form.
5. Individuals' names, except the executing signature, must be given in full, and all other items must be answered in full.
6. If the space provided for any answer is insufficient, the complete answer must be prepared on an additional page under a heading that includes "Answer to Item . ." Each such page shall contain the name and file number of the registrant and shall be attached to the Form. Reference thereto must be made on Form TA-W under the item.
7. A Form TA-W which is not completed and signed properly may be returned as not acceptable for filing. Acceptance of this Form, however, does not mean that the Commission has found that it has been filed as required or that the information submitted therein is true, correct or complete.
8. Definitions. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, all terms used in this Form have the same meanings as in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and in the General Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder (*17 Code of Federal Regulations 240*), and the term "registrant" means the entity on whose behalf Form TA-W is filed.
9. Under Sections 17, 17A(c) and (23)(a) of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, the Securities and Exchange Commission is authorized to solicit from registered transfer agents the information required to be supplied by this Form. Disclosure to the Commission of the information requested in Form TA-W is a prerequisite to the processing of a notice of withdrawal of registration as a transfer agent. The information will be used for the principal purpose of enabling the Commission to determine whether it is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in furtherance of the purposes of Section 17A of the Act that the withdrawal be denied, postponed or subject to specific terms and conditions. Information supplied on this Form will be included routinely in the public files of the Commission and will be available for inspection by any interested person.

ATTACHMENT A

Transfer Agent Name: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.  
Transfer Agent File No.: 84-820  
FORM TA-W  
Date: March 28, 2005

Answer to Item 5.

Prior to October 20, 2003, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. was co-transfer agent with Mellon Investor Services for its Common Stock, par value \$1.33-1/3, and attached Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Preferred Stock (the "Common Stock"). In 2003, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. made a decision to change the transfer agent for its Common Stock to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Shareowner Services, 161 North Concord Exchange, South St. Paul, MN 55075 (1-888-460-7641). On October 20, 2003, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Shareowner Services became transfer agent for the Common Stock. Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ceased to perform transfer agent functions on October 20, 2003. Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. does not intend to perform transfer agent functions in the future.

ATTACHMENT B

Transfer Agent Name: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Transfer Agent File No.: 84-820

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Date: March 28, 2005

Answer to Item 11.

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. transferred all books and records to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Shareowner Services, 161 North Concord Exchange, South St. Paul, MN 55075, (1-888-460-7641).