

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.  
RESEARCH REPORTS SECURITIES  
LITIGATION

: 02 MDL 1484

This Document Relates to:  
All Actions on Schedule 1

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**[PROPOSED] FURTHER AMENDMENT TO AMENDED PRELIMINARY ORDER IN CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENT PROCEEDINGS**

The Amended Preliminary Order In Connection With Settlement Proceedings entered by the Court on March 19, 2007 is hereby further amended as follows.

1. The exclusion deadline in paragraph 15 is hereby extended from May 18, 2007 to June 18, 2007.
2. The objection deadline in paragraph 17 is hereby extended from May 18, 2007 to June 18 2007.
3. The Court approves the form and substance of the Deadline Extension Insert annexed hereto as Exhibit A. Plaintiffs are authorized to include the Deadline Extension Insert with any Notices and Claim Forms mailed after the date of this order.
4. Mailing of any additional Notices and Claim Forms should be effected as soon as reasonably practicable.

Dated: New York, New York

*May 24,* 2007

*John F. Keenan*  
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JOHN F. KEENAN, U.S.D.J.