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# Important Notice

From: ML/Azure I, LLC  
ML/Azure Ventures I, LLC  
ML/Azure Venture Partners I, LLC  
ML/Azure Partners I, LLC  
ML/Charterhouse Partners II  
ML/FP II Partners  
Amstar Property Rights Holdings LLC.

March 8, 2006

*<Insert Individual's name and address>*

The protection and security of personal and financial information is the cornerstone of our business. Unfortunately, it is with regret that we are informing you that one of our service providers has recently informed us of a security incident regarding some of your information. Although we have no evidence that your information has been misused, we are taking the precaution of notifying you so that you can, if you deem appropriate, take the additional steps set out below to protect yourself and your information.

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**Incident** A third party tax preparer for the above named entities recently notified us that a single laptop computer was stolen from them on February 17, 2006. This theft has been reported to law enforcement authorities.

This service provider informed us that the laptop computer contained the personal information of approximately 300 individuals, including you as a holder of an interest in one or more of these entities. We were informed that your name, address, Social Security number, and ownership interest in the applicable entities was on this stolen laptop computer.

This service provider does not provide tax services for Merrill Lynch related to Merrill Lynch brokerage accounts, and no information relating to any individual Merrill Lynch accounts was affected as a result of this incident.

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**Security Precautions** While we have no evidence that any of the information contained on the stolen computer has been improperly used, Merrill Lynch together with the service provider have reserved for you, at no cost to you, a full year membership to Triple Advantage<sup>SM</sup> credit monitoring, which is a third party product provided by ConsumerInfo.com, an Experian® company.

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If you would like to sign up for this one year membership, you must activate the

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New York, NY 10038

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## Facsimile Cover Sheet

**To:** Consumer Protection Board  
**Re:** Security Breach Notification  
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**From:** Andrew Kandel  
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State Regulatory Affairs

**Company:** Merrill Lynch  
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**Date:** March 9, 2006

**Pages including this  
cover page:**

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**Comments:**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: This Facsimile contains privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of the Facsimile is not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination or copying of this facsimile is strictly prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original facsimile to us at the above address via the United States Postal Service. THANK YOU.

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membership within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter. To activate your Triple Advantage membership, you need to visit <http://partner.experiandirect.com/premium> (where you can read more about the service) and enter the code provided below. You should disregard any pricing information. You will then be instructed on how to initiate your membership, which will be governed by the Triple Advantage terms and conditions.

Your Credit Monitoring Access Code is: [insert promo code]

If you do not activate your membership within ninety (90) days, then the above activation code will be disabled.

You can also contact the credit bureaus to discuss other options, such as fraud alerts. The three national credit bureaus are: TransUnion, 1-800-680-7289; Equifax, 1-800-525-6285; and Experian, 1-888-397-3742.

We always recommend that you monitor your financial account(s) to prevent or detect the occurrence of any unauthorized/fraudulent activity. If you have accounts at Merrill Lynch, we will place enhanced back-end security around those accounts.

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<b>Additional Information</b>	For more information about privacy and identity theft, please visit: <a href="http://www.ml.com/identity_theft_protection">www.ml.com/identity_theft_protection</a> or <a href="http://www.ml.com/?id=7695_17469_17870">www.ml.com/?id=7695_17469_17870</a> . Additionally, you may also find pertinent information at: <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft">www.ftc.gov/idtheft</a> .
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We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or concern this may cause. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeffrey Meshberg, First Vice President in the Global Private Equity Finance group, at 212-449-9737.

**Reporting Form  
For Business, Individual or NY State Entity reporting a  
"Breach of the Security of the System"  
Pursuant to the Information Security Breach  
And Notification Act (General Business Law §889-aa:  
State Technology Law §208)**

Name of Business, Individual or State Entity: Several Merrill Lynch partnerships/LLCs,  
see attached Notification Letter for names.

Date of Discovery of Breach: Vendor notified us of stolen laptop on  
2/22/06, see attached Notification Letter.

Estimated Number of Affected Individuals: Approximately 275 total, 81  
New York State residents

Date of Notification to Affected Individuals: March 8, 2006.

Manner of Notification:  written notice  
 electronic notice (email)  
 telephone notice

Are your requesting substitute notice?  Yes  No (If yes,  
attach justification)

Content of Notification to Affected Individuals: Describe what happened in general terms and  
what kind of information was involved. Please attach copy of Notice.

A third party vendor preparing tax forms for certain partnerships and LLCs had laptop  
stolen from his automobile. See attached Notification Letter for details.

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