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ASSIGNMENT

I, Eric Steifman, assign to Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. ("Company"), its successors and assigns my entire right, title and interests in *Convertible Financial Instruments With Contingent Payments*, of which I am a named inventor, as described in the application for United States Patent Application Serial No. 60/311,574 filed on August 10, 2001, and as described in the application for United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/064,745 filed on August 12, 2002, and as described in the application for United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/218,124 filed on August 12, 2002, and as described in International Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US02/25668, filed on August 12, 2002, and as described in International Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US02/25923, filed on August 12, 2002 ("Invention"), and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said patent applications, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said Invention or resulting therefrom to said Company, or its successors or assigns.



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Signed before me this 6th day of November, 2002

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