



Attn: Trading and Market Making/Legal and Compliance/Operations/Systems

UNIFORM PRACTICE ADVISORY (UPC # 028-2004) March 2, 2004

WHEN, AS AND IF ISSUED SETTLEMENT DATES

ISSUE

SETTLEMENT DATE

Merrill Lynch & Co. Accelerated Return Notes linked to
Nikkei 225 due June 16, 2005 (NNM:ARNNV)

- Common Stock

Friday, March 5, 2004

Bayou Steel Corporation – Common Stock (OTC:BAYUA)

Notice has been received that the above Company's Plan of Reorganization (Plan) filed under Chapter XI of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, became effective on February 18, 2004. Pursuant to the Plan, holders of the above referenced securities will **not** receive any distributions of property on account of their interests.

Members are reminded of their obligations under NASD Conduct Rule 2310 if they continue to engage in transactions in the above security after the effective date.

Members are further advised that deliveries in settlement of contracts in the **OLD** securities, which were executed prior to the announcement that the securities had been deemed worthless, shall be evidenced by either a) the **OLD** security; or b) a *Letter of Indemnity* which shall grant the purchaser any rights and privileges which might accrue to the holders of the physical securities. Such deliveries shall operate to close-out the contract and shall be settled at the existing contract price pursuant to Uniform Practice Code Rule 11530.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to: Market Integrity Department, 203.375.9609.

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