

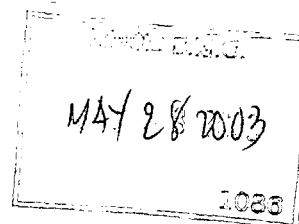


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May 28, 2003



Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
Branch of Filer Support 2
Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, MERRILL LYNCH DEPOSITOR, INC., PPLUS 8.15% Trust Certificates Series HTZ-1 (the "Certificates") and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 28, 2003. Tentative listing date – June 2, 2003.

Sincerely,

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