

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

248,116

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

248,116

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

248,116 (ownership disclaimed pursuant to Section 13d-4 of the 1934 Act)

10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

1.71%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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CUSIP NO. 929248102 13G

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Merrill Lynch Variable Series Fund, Inc. / Basic Value Focus

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* Joint Filing

(a) []

(b) []

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Maryland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NONE

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

NONE (ownership disclaimed pursuant to Section 13d-4 of the 1934 Act)

10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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CUSIP NO. 929248102 13G

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Merrill Lynch Phoenix Fund, Inc.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* Joint Filing

(a) []
(b) []

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Maryland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NONE

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

52,100

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

52,100

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

52,100 (ownership disclaimed pursuant to Section 13d-4 of the 1934 Act)

10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.36%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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14. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO DESIGNATE THE RULE PURSUANT TO WHICH THIS SCHEDULE IS FILED:

[X] Rule 13d-1(b)
[] Rule 13d-1(c)
[] Rule 13d-1(d)

SCHEDULE 13G

ITEM 1 (a) Name of Issuer:

WHX Corporation (the "Company")

ITEM 1 (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

110 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022

ITEM 2 (a) Name of Persons Filing:

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
(on behalf of Merrill Lynch Asset Management Group ("AMG"))

Merrill Lynch Variable Series Fund, Inc. / Basic Value Focus
Merrill Lynch Phoenix Fund, Inc.

ITEM 2 (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
(on behalf of Merrill Lynch Asset Management Group ("AMG"))
World Financial Center, North Tower
250 Vesey Street
New York, NY 10381

Merrill Lynch Variable Series Fund, Inc. / Basic Value Focus
Merrill Lynch Phoenix Fund, Inc.
800 Scudders Mill Road
Plainsboro, NJ 08536

ITEM 2 (c) Citizenship:

See Item 4 of Cover Pages

ITEM 2 (d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

ITEM 2 (e) CUSIP NUMBER:

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ITEM 3

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d) Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (e) Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E),
- (f) Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F),
- (g) Parent Holding Company or Control Person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G); see Item 7,
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813),
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (j) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

ITEM 4 Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

See Item 9 of Cover Pages.

(b) Percent of Class:

See Item 11 of Cover Pages

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 5 of Cover Pages

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 6 of the Cover Pages

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

See Item 7 of Cover Pages

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

See Item 8 of Cover Pages

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ITEM 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co.") is a parent holding company. The Merrill Lynch Asset Management Group ("AMG") is an operating division of ML&Co. consisting of ML&Co.'s indirectly owned asset management subsidiaries. Certain of these subsidiaries hold certain shares of the security which is the subject of this report. (See Item 7).

ITEM 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co.") is a parent holding company. The Merrill Lynch Asset Management Group ("AMG") is an operating division of ML&Co. consisting of ML&Co.'s indirectly-owned asset management subsidiaries. The following asset management subsidiaries hold certain shares of the common stock, which is the subject of this 13G filing:

Merrill Lynch Asset Management, L.P.
Fund Asset Management, L.P.

ITEM 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

ITEM 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

ITEM 10 Certification

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best Of their knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 1, 2000

Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc.
(on behalf of Merrill Lynch Asset Management Group ("AMG"))

/s/ Jerry Weiss

Name: Jerry Weiss
Title: Attorney-In-Fact*

Merrill Lynch Variable Series Fund, Inc. / Basic Value Focus

/s/ Jerry Weiss

Name: Jerry Weiss
Title: Attorney-In-Fact**

Merrill Lynch Phoenix Fund, inc.

/s/ Jerry Weiss

Name: Jerry Weiss

Title: Attorney-In-Fact***

*Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated January 25, 1999, included as Exhibit B to Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc. (on behalf of Merrill Lynch Asset Management Group ("AMG")) on January 28, 1999 with respect to Creative Technology, Limited.

**Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated January 21, 2000, included as Exhibit B to this Schedule 13G.

***Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated January 21, 2000, included as Exhibit B to this Schedule 13G.

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Merrill Lynch Asset Management Group of ML&Co. ("AMG") is comprised of The following legal entities: Merrill Lynch Asset Management, L.P. doing business as Merrill Lynch Asset Management ("MLAM"), QA Advisers, LLC ("QA"), Merrill Lynch Quantitative Advisers, Inc. Hotchkis and Wiley divisions thereof; Fund Asset Management, L.P., doing business as Fund Asset Management ("FAM"); Merrill Lynch Asset Management U.K. Limited ("MLAM UK"); Merrill Lynch (Suisse) Investment Management Limited ("MLS"); Mercury Asset Management International Limited ("MAMI"); Mercury Asset Management Ltd; Mercury Asset Management, Ltd.; Mercury Asset Management (Asia Pacific Limited); Mercury Asset Management Asia Limited; Merrill Lynch Mercury Kapitalanlagegesellschaft MBH; Munich London Investment Management, Ltd.; Merrill Lynch Asset Management (Hong Kong)Limited; Merrill Lynch Mercury Asset Management Japan Limited; Atlas Asset Management, Inc.; Merrill Lynch Investment Management Canada, Inc.; DSP Merrill Lynch Asset Management (India) Limited; PT Merrill Lynch Indonesia; Merrill Lynch Phatra Securities Co., Ltd.; Merrill Lynch Global Asset Management, Limited; Mercury Asset Management Channel Islands, Limited; Mercury Asset Management International Channel Islands Limited ("MAMCI"); Grosvenor Venture Managers, Limited; and Mercury Fund Managers, Limited. Each of MLAM, FAM, MLAM UK, MAMCI, QA, MLS, and MAMI is an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, which acts as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Each other firm constituting part of AMG is an investment adviser operating under the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States. The investment advisers that comprise AMG exercise voting and investment powers over portfolio securities independently from other direct and indirect subsidiaries of ML&Co.

Power of Attorney

The undersigned, Merrill Lynch Variable Series Funds, Inc., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of Maryland, with its principal place of business at 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Michael J. Hennewinkel, Jerry Weiss, Ira P. Shapiro and Thomas D. Jones, III, acting severally, each of whose address is 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536, as its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, for it and in its name, place and stead, to execute and cause to be filed and/or delivered as required under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the regulations thereunder, any number as appropriate of original, copies, or electronic filings of the Securities and Exchange Commission Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G Beneficial Ownership Reports (together with any amendments and

joint filing agreements under Rule 13d-1(f) (1) of the Act, as may be required thereto) to be filed and/or delivered with respect to any equity security (as defined in Rule 13d-1(d) under the Act) beneficially owned by the undersigned and which must be reported by the undersigned pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Act and the regulations thereunder, and generally to take such other actions and perform such other things necessary to effectuate the foregoing as fully in all respects as if the undersigned could do if personally present. This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until revoked, in writing, by the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney on this 21 day of January, 2000.

MERRILL LYNCH VARIABLE SERIES FUNDS, INC.

By: /s/ Terry K. Glenn
Name: Terry K. Glenn
Title: President & Director

Power of Attorney

The undersigned, Merrill Lynch Phoenix Fund, Inc., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of Maryland, with its principal place of business at 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Michael J. Hennewinkel, Jerry Weiss, Ira P. Shapiro and Thomas D. Jones, III, acting severally, each of whose address is 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536, as its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, for it and in its name, place and stead, to execute and cause to be filed and/or delivered as required under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the regulations thereunder, any number as appropriate of original, copies, or electronic filings of the Securities and Exchange Commission Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G Beneficial Ownership Reports (together with any amendments and joint filing agreements under Rule 13d-1(f) (1) of the Act, as may be required thereto) to be filed and/or delivered with respect to any equity security (as defined in Rule 13d-1(d) under the Act) beneficially owned by the undersigned and which must be reported by the undersigned pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Act and the regulations thereunder, and generally to take such other actions and perform such other things necessary to effectuate the foregoing as fully in all respects as if the undersigned could do if personally present. This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until revoked, in writing, by the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney on this 21 day of January, 2000.

MERRILL LYNCH PHOENIX FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Terry K. Glenn
Name: Terry K. Glenn
Title: President & Director