UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Karachun Rita A
(Last) (First) (Middle)
MERCK & CO., INC., 2000 GALLOPING HILL ROAD
KENILWORTH, NJ 07033

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)
2/24/2022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director
_____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP Fince-Global Controller

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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<tr>
<th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Trans. Date</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>2/24/2022</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>3478 (1) A</td>
<td>39276.972 (2)</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<td>(A) or (D)</td>
<td>Date Exercisable</td>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Amount or Number of Shares</td>
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<td>Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</td>
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Explana tion of Responses:
(1) Distribution of net after tax shares of common stock on satisfaction of performance criteria for performance share units granted on 3/29/19. Performance shares were paid out at 140 percent of target awards. Includes dividends accrued over the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2021.
(2) Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

Reporting Owners

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Signatures

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Rita Karachun 2/28/2022

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
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