Ward Charles Form 4 December 02, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Ward Charles

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

11/28/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) below) President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transactionof Code

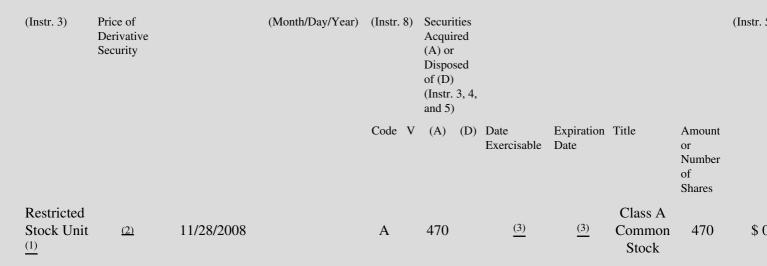
6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ward Charles C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020

President

Signatures

/s/ Charles G. Ward, III by Scott D. Hoffman under a PofA

12/01/2008

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Additional Restricted Stock Units were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of the underlying Restricted Stock Unit Award.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd.
- (3) Of the 470 Restricted Stock Units acquired, 79 vest on March 31, 2010 and 391 vest on March 31, 2011.

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