Castellano Michael J Form 4 December 02, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Castellano Michael J

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

(City)

(Street)

NW YORK, NY 10020

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/28/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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below)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

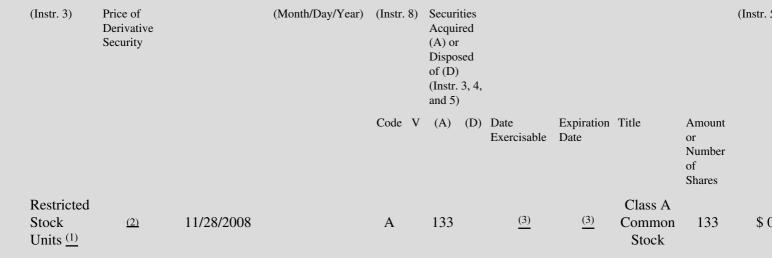
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise any Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securit

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Castellano Michael J C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NW YORK, NY 10020

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Castellano by Scott D. Hoffman under Pof A

12/01/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 133 Restricted Stock Units acquired, 41 vest on March 31, 2010 and 92 vest on March 31, 2011.

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