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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Jones Ellis

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2009

X_ Director Officer (give title

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of

(State)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Code (Instr. 8)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

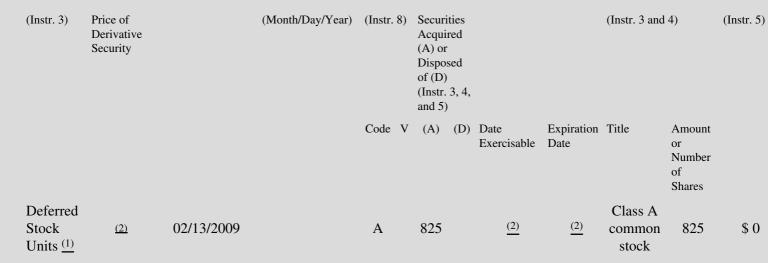
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5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

8. Price of Derivativ Security

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jones Ellis C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020	X			

Signatures

/s/ Ellis Jones by Scott D. Hofman under a P 02/17/2009 of A **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).
 - The reporting person elected to receive additional Deferred Stock Units under the Directors' Fee Deferral Unit Plan, which allows
- (1) Non-Executive Directors to elect to receive additional Deferred Stock Units pursuant to either the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan or the 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan, in lieu of some or all of their quarterly cash fees.

Date

The Deferred Stock Units of Lazard Ltd shall be converted into Lazard Ltd Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement or resignation from the Board of Directors of Lazard Ltd.

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