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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ward Charles Issuer Symbol Lazard Ltd [LAZ] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 09/11/2009 below) below) ROCKEFELLER PLAZA President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4)	osed o	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A common stock	09/11/2009		C	226,514 (1)	A	\$ 0	226,514	D	
Class A common stock	09/11/2009		S	226,514	D	\$ 37 (2)	0	D	

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class II Interests of LAZ-MD Holdings LLC	(3)	09/11/2009		С	226,514 (<u>4)</u>	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	226,514

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ward Charles C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

President

NEW YORK, NY 10020

Signatures

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

09/15/2009

**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) The shares of Class A common stock were acquired upon the exchange of Class II interests of LAZ-MD Holdings LLC. See footnote 3 below.
- (2) Public offering price.
- The Class II Interests of LAZ-MD Holdings are exchangeable on a one for one basis for Class A comon stock of Lazard Ltd. The reporting person has satisfied certain minimum service requirements and therefore the Class II Interests issued to him on May 10, 2005 became exchangeable as follows: one-third on May 10, 2008; one-third on May 10, 2009; and the final one-third will become exchangeable on May 10, 2010.
- (4) The Class II interests exchanged above became exchangeable on May 10, 2009.

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