JORDAN VERNON E JR

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JORDAN VERNON E JR

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

X_ Director 10% Owner

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

Other (specify Officer (give title below)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

03/05/2010

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

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

NEW YORK, NY 10020

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative | Secur | ities 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | 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 (1) | 03/05/2010 | | M | 83,768 | A | (2) | 90,168 | D | |
| Class A common stock | 03/05/2010 | | F | 37,696 (3) | D | \$ 38.27 | 52,472 | 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) | | | 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 |
| Restricted Stock Units (1) | <u>(4)</u> | 03/05/2010 | | M | | 83,768 | 03/05/2010 | 03/05/2010 | Class A common stock | 83,768 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| JORDAN VERNON E JR C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. by Scott D. Hoffman under PofA 03/09/2010

**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).

Pursuant to an amendment to the retirement policy governing the restricted stock units ("RSUs") of Lazard Ltd (the "Company"), the reporting person met the requirements to receive all of the shares underlying his RSUs that were granted prior to December 31, 2009. The

- (1) amendment provided that 45% of the reporting person's shares could be sold or withheld by the Company to pay estimated taxes and the remainder would be subject to certain restrictions on transfer, and other covenants, in accordance with the vesting schedule of the prior awards.
- (2) The shares of Class A common stock were acquired upon the conversion Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Shares withheld by the Company to cover estimated taxes.
- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd.

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