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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 * Russo Evan L

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

Lazard Ltd [LAZ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30

(Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2017

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10112

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

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

(A)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

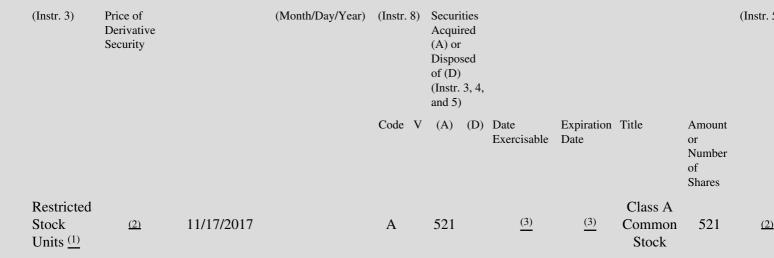
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

Russo Evan L C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Evan L. Russo by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A

11/21/2017

**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 ("RSUs") were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying RSU awards.
- (2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (3) Of these RSUs, 176 will vest on or around March 1, 2018, 227 will vest on or around March 1, 2019, and 118 will vest on or around March 2, 2020.
- (4) Amount excludes 51,554 shares of Class A Common Stock and 25,641 shares of Restricted Class A Common Stock directly or indirectly beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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