

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 18, 2007

Lazard Ltd

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32492
(Commission File Number)

98-0437848
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**Clarendon House
2 Church Street
Hamilton
Bermuda
HM 11**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-1422

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.***Fourth Supplemental Indenture***

On June 21, 2007, Lazard Ltd's subsidiary Lazard Group LLC ("Lazard Group") completed its previously announced placement of \$600 million aggregate principal amount of 6.85% senior notes due 2017. The notes were offered to investors in a private placement in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and to non-U.S. investors in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The notes were issued pursuant to a fourth supplemental indenture, dated June 21, 2007, between Lazard Group and The Bank of New York, as trustee, to an indenture, dated May 10, 2005, between Lazard Group and The Bank of New York, as trustee. The notes bear interest at the rate of 6.85% per year. Interest on the notes is payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning on December 15, 2007. The notes will mature on June 15, 2017. Lazard Group may, at its option, redeem some or all of the notes at any time by paying a make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. In addition, holders of the notes may require Lazard Group to repurchase the notes upon the occurrence of a change of control triggering event. The notes are senior unsecured obligations of Lazard Group and rank equally with all of its other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. Neither Lazard Ltd nor any of Lazard Group's subsidiaries will guarantee the notes. The indenture and fourth supplemental indenture contain certain covenants, events of default and other customary provisions.

The notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be sold by investors except in a transaction registered under, or exempt from, the registration provisions of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

Registration Rights Agreement

Lazard Group also entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers of the notes pursuant to which Lazard Group has agreed to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission an exchange offer registration statement or, in certain circumstances, a shelf registration statement. In the event that Lazard Group fails to complete certain of its obligations under the registration rights agreement, it will pay additional interest to the holders of the notes.

Third Amendment to Revolving Credit Agreement

As previously disclosed, Lazard Group entered into a five year senior revolving credit facility with a group of lenders dated May 10, 2005, and amended on March 28, 2006 and May 17, 2006. On June 18, 2007, Lazard Group entered into a third amendment to the revolving credit agreement with the group of lenders that allowed Lazard Group to issue the notes described above.

The foregoing descriptions of the notes, indenture, fourth supplemental indenture, registration rights agreement and third amendment to the revolving credit agreement, are only a summary and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the indenture, fourth supplemental indenture, registration rights agreement and third amendment to the revolving credit agreement. Copies of the fourth supplemental indenture, registration rights agreement and third amendment to the revolving credit agreement are attached hereto as Exhibits 4.1, 4.2 and 10.1, respectively, a copy of the indenture is attached as Exhibit 10.32 to Lazard Ltd's Quarterly Report (File No. 001-32492) on Form 10-Q filed on June 16, 2005, and each is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information under "Fourth Supplemental Indenture" in Item 1.01 of this Report is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.1	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 21, 2007, between Lazard Group LLC and The Bank of New York, as trustee.
4.2	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2007, among Lazard Group LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as representatives for the Initial Purchasers.
10.1	Third Amendment, dated as of June 18, 2007, to the Senior Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of May 10, 2005, among Lazard Group LLC, the Banks from time to time parties thereto, Citibank, N.A., The Bank of New York, New York Branch, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LAZARD LTD,

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman

Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

Date: June 21, 2007

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LAZARD GROUP LLC

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE
Dated as of June 21, 2007

to the

INDENTURE

Dated as of June 21, 2007

between

LAZARD GROUP LLC

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,

as Trustee

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Exhibit A Form of Note

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of June 21, 2007 (this "Fourth Supplemental Indenture"), to the Indenture, dated as of May 10, 2005 (the "Original Indenture"), between LAZARD GROUP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as trustee (the "Trustee").

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee have heretofore executed and delivered the Original Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of Securities (as defined in the Original Indenture) of the Company, to be issued in one or more Series;

WHEREAS, Sections 2.02 and 9.01 of the Original Indenture provide, among other things, that the Company and the Trustee may enter into indentures supplemental to the Original Indenture for, among other things, the purpose of establishing the designation, form, terms and conditions of Securities of any Series permitted by Sections 2.01 and 9.01 of the Original Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Company (i) desires the issuance of a Series of Securities to be designated as hereinafter provided and (ii) has requested the Trustee to enter into this Fourth Supplemental Indenture for the purpose of establishing the designation, form, terms and conditions of the Securities of such Series;

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the creation of (1) an issue of its 6.85% Senior Notes Due 2017 (the "Original Notes"), (2) pursuant to the Exchange Offer (as herein defined), its 6.85% Senior Notes Due 2017 to be issued in exchange for the Original 6.85% Senior Notes (the "Exchange Notes") and (3) its 6.85% Senior Notes Due 2017 to be issued in a private exchange for the Original Notes (the "Private Exchange Notes" and collectively with the Original Notes and the Exchange Notes, the "Notes," which expression includes any further notes issued pursuant to Section 2.04 hereof and forming a single series therewith) of substantially the tenor and amount hereinafter set forth. The Original Notes, the Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes shall rank *pari passu*; and

WHEREAS, all action on the part of the Company necessary to authorize the issuance of the Notes under the Original Indenture and this Fourth Supplemental Indenture (the Original Indenture, as supplemented by this Fourth Supplemental Indenture, being hereinafter called the "Indenture") has been duly taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

That, in order to establish the designation, form, terms and conditions of, and to authorize the authentication and delivery of, the Notes, and in consideration of the acceptance of the Notes by the Holders thereof and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01 Definitions

(a) Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Original Indenture.

(b) The rules of interpretation set forth in the Original Indenture shall be applied hereto as if set forth in full herein.

(c) For all purposes of this Fourth Supplemental Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings (such meanings shall apply equally to both the singular and plural forms of the respective terms):

“Applicable Procedures” means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Note, the rules and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream that apply to such transfer or exchange.

“Below Investment Grade Rating Event” means that, following the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Notes are rated below an Investment Grade Rating by each of the Rating Agencies on any date not later than the end of the 60-day period following public notice of such occurrence of a Change of Control; *provided, however*, that such 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies; *provided, further*, however, that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating will not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and this will not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing at the request of the Company that the reduction was the result, in whole or in substantial part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control has occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) a “person” or “group” within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, other than (x) the Parent and its Subsidiaries (including the Company and its Subsidiaries), (y) LAZ-MD Holdings LLC and its Subsidiaries or (z) any such person or group a majority of which (measured by reference to beneficial ownership of voting stock) consists of the current executive officers, managing directors or other employees of the Parent and its Subsidiaries (including the Company and its Subsidiaries) at the

Closing Date (any such person or group described in clauses (x), (y) and (z), a “Permitted Holder”), has become the direct or indirect “beneficial owner”, as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of (x) the Company’s membership units representing more than 50% of the voting power of the Company’s membership units entitled to vote generally in the election of directors or (y) for so long as the Parent controls the Company, common stock of the Parent representing more than 50% of the voting power of common stock of the Parent entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the Parent;

(b) the current executive officers, managing directors or other employees of the Parent and its Subsidiaries (including the Company and its Subsidiaries) at the Closing Date have become the direct or indirect “beneficial owners”, as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of (x) the Company’s membership units (or other capital stock of the Company’s successor pursuant to Article Five of the Original Indenture) representing more than 75% of the voting power of the Company’s membership units (or other capital stock of the Company’s successor pursuant to Article Five of the Original Indenture) entitled to vote generally in the election of directors or (y) for so long as the Parent controls the Company, common stock of the Parent entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the Parent; or

(c)(x) a consolidation or merger involving the Company or, for so long as the Parent controls the Company, the Parent or (y) a disposition of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company to another person, other than the following transactions:

(i) any transaction undertaken solely for the purpose of changing the Company’s jurisdiction of organization or legal form;

(ii) any transaction principally relating to a sale of Capital Stock of a Designated Subsidiary to which Section 4.08 of the Original Indenture applies, as amended by this Fourth Supplemental Indenture;

(iii) any transaction involving the Parent, LAZ-MD Holdings LLC or any of their respective Subsidiaries (including the Company’s Subsidiaries), so long as such transaction is not part of a plan or a series of transactions designed to or having the effect of merging or consolidating with, or disposing all or substantially all of the Company’s properties and assets to, any person (other than a Permitted Holder);

(iv) in the case of a transaction involving the merger or consolidation of the Parent with another person, any transaction pursuant to which holders of the Parent common stock immediately prior to the transaction have the entitlement to exercise, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the voting power of all equity interests entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the continuing or surviving or successor entity immediately after giving effect to such transaction; or

(v) in the case of a transaction involving the merger or consolidation of the Company with another person, any transaction pursuant to which holders of the Company's membership interests immediately prior to the transaction have the entitlement to exercise, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the voting power of all equity interests entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the continuing or surviving or successor entity immediately after giving effect to such transaction.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

"Closing Date" means the day on which the Closing Date for the Original Notes occurs pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the U.S. Treasury security selected by the Trustee as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means (1) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such Redemption Date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Trustee obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

"Definitive Note" means a Note in definitive registered form without coupons.

"DTC Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 4.05(c), which is required to be placed on all Global Notes, for which DTC is acting as the Depository.

"Exchange Notes" means the Notes issued pursuant to the Exchange Offer.

"Exchange Offer" means the Exchange Offer as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement.

"Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 4.05(b), which is required to be placed on all Global Notes.

"Global Notes" means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes, the IAI Global Notes, the Regulation S Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, issued in accordance with Section 2.15 of the Original Indenture and Section 2.07 hereof.

"Initial Purchasers" has the meaning set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

“Institutional Accredited Investor” means an institution that is an “accredited advisor” as that term is defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act.

“Investment Grade Rating” means a rating equal to or higher than “BBB-” (or the equivalent) by Fitch, “Baa3” (or the equivalent) by Moody’s and “BBB-” (or the equivalent) by S&P.

“Lead Managers” means Goldman, Sachs & Co., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

“Original Notes” means all Notes, other than Exchange Notes and the Private Exchange Notes.

“Parent” means Lazard Ltd, a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Bermuda.

“Participant” means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear or Clearstream) as indirect participants.

“Paying Agent” means any Person appointed by the Company as Paying Agent in accordance with the provisions of the Original Indenture and this Fourth Supplemental Indenture.

“Private Exchange” means the offer by the Company, pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, to issue and deliver to the Initial Purchasers, in exchange for the Original Notes held by such Initial Purchasers as part of their initial distribution, a like aggregate principal amount of Private Exchange Notes.

“Private Exchange Notes” means the Notes issued in connection with a Private Exchange pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Private Placement Legend” means the legend set forth in Section 4.05(a) hereof.

“Purchase Agreement” means the Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 18, 2007, between the Company and Goldman, Sachs & Co., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as the representatives of the initial purchasers set forth in Schedule I thereto, as such agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

“QIB” means any “qualified institutional buyer,” as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

“Rating Agencies” means (1) each of Fitch, Moody’s and S&P; and (2) if any of Fitch, Moody’s or S&P ceases to rate the notes or fails to make a rating of the

notes publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act selected by the Company (as certified by a resolution of the Company's Board of Directors) as a replacement agency for Fitch, Moody's or S&P, or all of them, as the case may be.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any Redemption Date, the average, as determined by the Trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such Redemption Date.

"Reference Treasury Dealers" means Goldman, Sachs & Co., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and their respective successors, and any other primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York, New York, *provided*, however, that if any of the foregoing ceases to be a primary dealer of U.S. government securities in New York City, the Company will substitute another dealer of U.S. government securities.

"Registration Rights Agreement" means the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2007, between the Company and the Initial Purchasers, as such agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

"Shelf Registration Statement" means a registration statement issued by the Company in connection with the offer and sale of Original Notes or Private Exchange Notes pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

"Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any Redemption Date: (a) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated "H.15 (519)" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the remaining life (as defined below), yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month); or (b) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does

not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date. The Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third Business Day preceding the date fixed as a Redemption Date.

Other Definitions

<u>Term</u>	<u>Defined in Section</u>
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ARTICLE TWO

DESIGNATION AND TERMS OF THE SECURITIES

SECTION 2.01 Title and Aggregate Principal Amount. There is hereby created one Series of Securities designated: 6.85% Senior Notes Due 2017 (the “Notes”).

SECTION 2.02 Execution. The Notes may forthwith be executed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee for authentication and delivery by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.04 of the Original Indenture.

SECTION 2.03 Other Terms and Form of the Notes. The Notes shall have and be subject to such other terms as provided in the Original Indenture and this Fourth Supplemental Indenture and shall be evidenced by one or more Global Notes in the form of Exhibit A hereof and as set forth in Section 2.07 hereof.

SECTION 2.04 Further Issues. The Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of the Notes and in accordance with the Original Indenture and this Fourth Supplemental Indenture, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Notes.

SECTION 2.05 Interest and Principal. The Notes will mature on June 15, 2017 and will bear interest at the rate of 6.85% per annum. The Company will pay interest on the Notes on each June 15 and December 15 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), beginning on December 15, 2007, to the holders of record on the immediately preceding June 1 or December 1 (each a "Record Date"), respectively. Interest on the Notes shall accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance. Payments of the principal of and interest on the Notes shall be made in Dollars, and the Notes shall be denominated in Dollars.

SECTION 2.06 Place of Payment. The place of payment where the Notes issued in the form of Definitive Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment, where the principal of and interest and any other payments due on the Notes issued in the form of Definitive Notes are payable, where the Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to and upon the Company in respect of the Notes and the Indenture may be served shall be in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, and the office or agency maintained by the Company for such purpose shall initially be the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee. All payments on Notes issued in the form of Global Notes shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Depository and, at the option of the Company, payment of interest on the Notes issued in the form of Definitive Notes may be made by check mailed to registered Holders.

SECTION 2.07 Global Notes.

(a) Regulation S and Unrestricted Global Notes. Original Notes offered and sold in their initial distribution in reliance on Regulation S shall be initially issued in the form of one or more Global Notes in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons with such applicable legends as are provided for in Section 4.05, except as otherwise permitted herein. Such Global Notes shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee and deposited with the Trustee, at its Corporate Trust Office, as custodian for the Depository, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as provided in the Original Indenture, for credit to the respective accounts at the Depository of the depositories for Euroclear or for Clearstream. Until such time as the Restricted Period (as defined below) shall have terminated, such Global Notes shall be referred to herein collectively as the "Regulation S Global Note." After such time as the Restricted Period shall have terminated, such Global Notes shall be referred to herein collectively as the "Unrestricted Global Notes." The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Global Note or the Unrestricted Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee, as custodian for the Depository, in connection with a corresponding decrease or increase in the aggregate principal amount of the Restricted Global Note or the IAI Global Note, as provided herein. As used herein, the term "Restricted Period" means the period of 40 consecutive days beginning on and including the first day after the later of (i) the day that the Lead Managers advise the Company and the Trustee is the day on which the Notes are first offered to persons other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S) in reliance on Regulation S and (ii) the Closing Date. The Regulation S Global Note, the Unrestricted Global Note and all other Notes that are not Restricted Notes or IAI Global Notes shall collectively be referred to herein as the "Unrestricted Notes."

(b) Restricted Notes. Original Notes offered and sold in their initial distribution in reliance on Rule 144A shall be issued in the form of one or more Global Notes (collectively, the “Restricted Global Note”) in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons with such applicable legends as are provided for in Section 4.05, except as otherwise permitted herein. Such Restricted Global Note shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee and deposited with the Trustee, at its Corporate Trust Office, as custodian for the Depositary, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as provided in the Original Indenture. The aggregate principal amount of the Restricted Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee, as custodian for the Depositary, in connection with a corresponding decrease or increase in the aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Global Note or the Unrestricted Global Note or the IAI Global Note, as provided herein. The Restricted Global Note and all other Notes evidencing the debt, or any portion of the debt, initially evidenced by such Note, other than (x) Notes transferred or exchanged upon certification as provided in Sections 4.01 or 4.02, (y) Exchange Notes and (z) Notes no longer required to bear the Private Placement Legend as provided in Section 4.05, shall collectively be referred to herein as the “Restricted Notes.”

(c) IAI Global Notes. Original Notes transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor following the initial distribution of the Original Notes shall be issued in the form of one or more Global Notes (collectively, the “IAI Global Note”) in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons with such applicable legends as are provided for in Section 3.05, except as otherwise permitted herein. Such IAI Global Note shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee and deposited with the Trustee, at its Corporate Trust Office, as custodian for the Depositary, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as provided in the Original Indenture. The aggregate principal amount of the IAI Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee, as custodian for the Depositary, in connection with a corresponding decrease or increase in the aggregate principal amount of the Restricted Global Note or the Regulation S Global Note or Unrestricted Global Note, as provided herein.

SECTION 2.08 Euroclear and Clearstream Procedures Applicable. The provisions of the “Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System,” the “General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream Banking” and the “Customer Handbook” of Clearstream, in each case, as in effect from time to time, shall be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in Global Notes sold in reliance on Regulation S and that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

SECTION 2.09 Depositary; Registrar. The Company initially appoints The Depositary Trust Company (“DTC”) to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes. The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and the Paying Agent and designates the Trustee’s New York office as the office or agency referred to in Section 2.05(b) of the Original Indenture.

SECTION 2.10 Optional Redemption. The Company at its option may, at any time, redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon payment of a redemption price equal to (A) the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed on the Redemption Date; or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Notes being redeemed on that Redemption Date (not including any portion of any payment of interest accrued to the Redemption Date) discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis at the Treasury Rate, plus 25 basis points, as determined by the Reference Treasury Dealer, plus (B) in each case, accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes to the Redemption Date (the “Redemption Price”). Notwithstanding the foregoing, installments of interest on Notes that are due and payable on Interest Payment Dates falling on or prior to a Redemption Date will be payable on the Interest Payment Date to the Holders as of the close of business on the relevant Record Date. The Redemption Price shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The actual Redemption Price, calculated as described above, must be set forth in an Officers’ Certificate delivered to the Trustee no later than two Business Days prior to the Redemption Date.

SECTION 2.11 Redemption at the Option of Holder; Sinking Fund. The Notes shall not be redeemable at the option of any Holder thereof, upon the occurrence of any particular circumstances or otherwise. The Notes will not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

SECTION 2.12 Change of Control.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, the Company will make an offer (a “Change of Control Offer”) to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (in integral multiples of \$1,000) of each Holder’s Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased, if any, to the date of purchase (the “Change of Control Payment”). Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event, the Company shall mail a notice to holders of the Notes describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event, stating:

- (i) that the Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 2.12 and that all Notes tendered will be accepted for payment;
- (ii) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (the “Change of Control Payment Date”);
- (iii) that any Note not tendered will continue to accrue interest;
- (iv) that, unless the Company defaults in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer will cease to accrue interest after the Change of Control Payment Date;

(v) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender the Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;

(vi) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, no later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Notes delivered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have the Notes purchased; and

(vii) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part will be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, which unpurchased portion must be equal to \$2,000 in principal amount or an integral multiple thereof.

(b) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of this Section 2.12, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 2.12 by virtue of such compliance.

(c) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful,

(i) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

(ii) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and

(iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Note or portions of Notes being purchased by the Company.

(d) The Paying Agent will promptly mail to each Holder of Notes properly tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; *provided* that each new Note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 and or any integral multiple of \$1,000. The Company will publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, this Indenture does not contain provisions that permit Holders of the Notes to require the Company to repurchase or redeem the Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to this contrary in this Section 2.12, the Company shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Section 2.12 and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under the Change of Control Offer; or (2) notice of redemption has been given pursuant to Section 2.10 hereof, unless and until there is a default in the payment of the applicable redemption price.

(f) The Company shall not repurchase any Note if there has occurred and is continuing on the Change of Control Payment Date an event of default under the Indenture, other than a default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

SECTION 2.13 Modification of Original Indenture. For purposes of the Notes only, the definition of "Additional Assets" in the Original Indenture will be amended by replacing the words "on the date of this Indenture and described in the Offering Memorandum dated May 4, 2005" with the words "on the date of issuance of the Notes."

ARTICLE THREE

COVENANTS

SECTION 3.01 Rule 144A Information; SEC Reports. The Company will furnish to Holders of the Notes and to prospective investors, upon request, any information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act so long as the Notes are not freely transferable under the Securities Act.

The Company will not be obligated to (i) file the information, documents and reports specified in Section 4.02 of the Original Indenture with the SEC if the SEC does not permit such filings or (ii) prior to the earlier of (a) 105 days after the date of the issuance of the Notes under this Supplemental Indenture and (b) the consummation of the exchange offer described in the Registration Rights Agreement, file with the SEC and provide the Trustee and Holders of the Notes with the information, documents and reports specified in Section 4.02 of the Original Indenture if the Parent files with the SEC and provides the Trustee and Holders of the Notes with such information, documents and reports at the times specified for the filing of such information, documents and reports under such Sections.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates).

ARTICLE FOUR

TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

SECTION 4.01 Transfers of Restricted Global Notes and IAI Global Notes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the following provisions shall apply with respect to any proposed transfer of Restricted Global Notes or IAI Global Notes prior to the date which is two years after the later of the date of its original issue and the last date on which the Company or any Affiliate of the Company was the owner of such Global Notes (or any predecessor thereto) (the "Resale Restriction Termination Date"):

(a) a transfer of a Restricted Global Note or IAI Global Note or a beneficial interest therein to a QIB shall be made upon the representation of the transferee, in the form of an assignment on the reverse of the certificate, that it is purchasing the Note for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A, and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Company as such transferee has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon its foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A;

(b) a transfer of a Restricted Global Note or an IAI Global Note or a beneficial interest therein to an Institutional Accredited Investor shall be made upon receipt by the Trustee or its agent of a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Annex 1 to Exhibit A from the proposed transferee and, if requested by the Company or the Trustee, the delivery of an opinion of counsel, certification and/or other information satisfactory to each of them; and

(c) a transfer of a Restricted Global Note or an IAI Global Note or a beneficial interest therein to a non-United States Person shall be made upon receipt by the Trustee or its agent of a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Annex 2 to Exhibit A from the proposed transferor and, if requested by the Company or the Trustee, the delivery of an opinion of counsel, certification and/or other information satisfactory to each of them.

SECTION 4.02 Transfers of Regulation S Global Notes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply with respect to any proposed transfer of a Regulation S Global Note prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period:

(a) a transfer of a Regulation S Global Note or a beneficial interest therein to a QIB shall be made upon the representation of the transferee, in the form of assignment on the reverse of the certificate, that it is purchasing the Note for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a “qualified institutional buyer” within the meaning of Rule 144A, and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Company as such transferee has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon its foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A;

(b) a transfer of a Regulation S Global Note or a beneficial interest therein to an Institutional Accredited Investor shall be made upon receipt by the Trustee or its agent of a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Annex 1 to Exhibit A from the proposed transferee and, if requested by the Company or the Trustee, the delivery of an opinion of counsel, certification and/or other information satisfactory to each of them; and

(c) a transfer of a Regulation S Global Note or a beneficial interest therein to a non-United States Person shall be made upon receipt by the Trustee or its agent of a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Annex 2 to Exhibit A hereof from the proposed transferor and, if requested by the Company or the Trustee, receipt by the Trustee or its agent of an opinion of counsel, certification and/or other information satisfactory to each of them.

After the expiration of the Restricted Period, interests in a Regulation S Security may be transferred without requiring certification set forth in Annex 1 to Exhibit A or any additional certification.

SECTION 4.03 Exchanges of Global Note for Non Global Note. In the event that a Global Note or any portion thereof is exchanged for Notes other than Global Notes pursuant to Section 2.11 of the Original Indenture, such other Notes may in turn be exchanged (on transfer or otherwise) for Notes that are not Global Notes or for beneficial interests in a Global Note (if any is then Outstanding) only in accordance with such procedures, which shall be substantially consistent with the provisions of Sections 4.01, 4.02 and 4.04 hereof (including the certification requirements intended to insure that transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests in a Global Note comply with Rule 144A, Rule 144 or Regulation S, as the case may be) and any Applicable Procedures, as may be from time to time adopted by the Company and the Trustee.

SECTION 4.04 Interests in Regulation S Global Note to be Held Through Euroclear or Clearstream. Until the termination of the Restricted Period, interests in the Regulation S Global Note may be held only through DTC Participants acting for and on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, provided that this Section 4.04 shall not prohibit any transfer in accordance with Section 4.02 hereof.

SECTION 4.05 Legends. The following legends shall, as indicated below, appear on the face of Notes issued under the Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of the Indenture.

(a) Private Placement Legend.

(i) Except as permitted by subparagraph (2) below, each Restricted Note, IAI Global Note and Regulation S Global Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

“THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE “SECURITIES ACT”). THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS SECURITY, AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED (X) PRIOR TO THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISSUANCE HEREOF (OR ANY PREDECESSOR SECURITY HERETO) OR (Y) BY ANY HOLDER THAT WAS AN AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY AT ANY TIME DURING THE THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER, IN EITHER CASE OTHER THAN (1) TO THE COMPANY, (2) SO LONG AS THIS SECURITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (“RULE 144A”), TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A, PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE RESALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 501(A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) OF REGULATION D UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE SECURITY FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR, IN EACH CASE IN A TRANSACTION INVOLVING A MINIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 OF SECURITIES, FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, (4) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (5) PURSUANT TO ANY EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (6) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES; (B) THE HOLDER WILL NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF NOTES

FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE, IF THEN APPLICABLE; AND (C) WITH RESPECT TO ANY TRANSFER OF NOTES PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (A)(3), (A)(4) or (A)(5), THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS THE COMPANY OR THE TRUSTEE MAY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER BY IT COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.”

(ii) Exchange Notes shall not bear the Private Placement Legend. The Private Placement Legend required for the Regulation S Global Note may be removed when such Note becomes an Unrestricted Global Note as provided in Section 2.07. The Private Placement Legend required for a Restricted Note and an IAI Global Note may be removed from a Note if there is delivered to the Company such satisfactory evidence, which may include an opinion of independent counsel licensed to practice law in the State of New York, as may be reasonably required by the Company that neither such legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure that transfers of such Note will not violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act. In addition, after a transfer of any Original Notes or Private Exchange Notes, as the case may be, during the period of the effectiveness of a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Original Notes or Private Exchange Notes, all requirements pertaining to the Private Placement Legend on such Original Note or Private Exchange Note will cease to apply. Upon provision of such satisfactory evidence or upon such transfer pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement, the Trustee, at the direction of the Company, shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such Note another Note or Notes having an equal aggregate principal amount that does not bear such legend. If such a legend required for a Restricted Note has been removed from a Note as provided above, it shall not be a Restricted Note and no other Note issued in exchange for all or any part of such Notes shall bear such legend, unless the Company has reasonable cause to believe that such other Note is a “restricted security” within the meaning of Rule 144 and instructs the Trustee to cause a legend to appear thereon.

(iii) Exchange Notes shall not contain language regarding additional interest in certain cases of noncompliance with the Registration Rights Agreement.

(b) Global Note Legend. Each Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

“THIS SECURITY IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS SECURITY) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (A) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH

NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.04 OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE, (B) THIS SECURITY MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.15(B) OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE, (C) THIS SECURITY MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.13 OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE AND (D) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 2.15(B) OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE, THIS SECURITY MAY BE TRANSFERRED, IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART, ONLY (X) BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY, (Y) BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR (Z) BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR TO A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY.”

(c) DTC Legend. Each Global Note for which DTC is acting as the Depositary shall bear a legend in the following form:

“UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OR TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY, AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY, ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL BECAUSE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.”

SECTION 4.06 Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note shall be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Original Indenture. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.

ARTICLE FIVE

DEFEASANCE

SECTION 5.01 Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance. Article Eight of the Original Indenture shall be applicable to the Notes.

ARTICLE SIX

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 6.01 Ratification of Original Indenture; Supplemental Indentures Part of Original Indenture. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Original Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed and all the terms, conditions and provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect. This Fourth Supplemental Indenture shall form a part of the Original Indenture for all purposes, and every Holder heretofore or hereafter authenticated and delivered shall be bound hereby.

SECTION 6.02 Concerning the Trustee. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes, except with respect to the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the same. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Fourth Supplemental Indenture or of the Notes.

SECTION 6.03 Counterparts. This Fourth Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 6.04 **GOVERNING LAW. THIS FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE AND EACH NOTE OF THE SERIES CREATED HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Fourth Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

LAZARD GROUP LLC,

by

/s/ Michael J. Castellano

Name: Michael J. Castellano
Title: Chief Financial Officer

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee,

by

/s/ Julie Salovitch-Miller

Name: Julie Salovitch-Miller
Title: Vice President

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UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OR TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL BECAUSE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS SECURITY, AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED (X) PRIOR TO THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISSUANCE HEREOF (OR ANY PREDECESSOR SECURITY HERETO) OR (Y) BY ANY HOLDER THAT WAS AN AFFILIATE OF THE COMPANY AT ANY TIME DURING THE THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER, IN EITHER CASE OTHER THAN (1) TO THE COMPANY, (2) SO LONG AS THIS SECURITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("RULE 144A"), TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A, PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE RESALE, PLEDGE OR OTHER TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 501(A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) OF REGULATION D UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE SECURITY FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR, IN EACH CASE IN A TRANSACTION INVOLVING A MINIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 OF SECURITIES, FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE

SECURITIES ACT, (4) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (5) PURSUANT TO ANY EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (6) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES; (B) THE HOLDER WILL NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF NOTES FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE, IF THEN APPLICABLE; AND (C) WITH RESPECT TO ANY TRANSFER OF NOTES PURSUANT TO CLAUSE (A)(3), (A)(4) or (A)(5), THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS THE COMPANY OR THE TRUSTEE MAY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER BY IT COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.

THIS SECURITY IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS SECURITY) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (A) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.04 OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE, (B) THIS SECURITY MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.15(B) OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE, (C) THIS SECURITY MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.13 OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE AND (D) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 2.15(B) OF THE ORIGINAL INDENTURE, THIS SECURITY MAY BE TRANSFERRED, IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART, ONLY (X) BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY, (Y) BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR (Z) BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR TO A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY.

CUSIP: [•]¹[•]²
ISIN: [US•]³[US•]⁴

6.85% Senior Notes due 2017

No. _____ \$

LAZARD GROUP LLC

promises to pay to [CEDE & CO.]⁵ or registered assigns, the principal sum [of [] Dollars (\$[])]⁶ [as such amount may be adjusted as set forth on the Schedule of Exchanges, Redemptions, Repurchases, Cancellations and Transfers annexed hereto]⁵ on June 15, 2017.

Interest Payment Dates: June 15 and December 15, commencing on December 15, 2007.

Record Dates: June 1 and December 1.

1 Insert for Rule 144A Global Note.
2 Insert for Reg. S Global Note.
3 Insert for Rule 144A Global Note.
4 Insert for Reg. S Global Note.
5 Insert for Global Securities.
6 Insert for Definitive Securities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this instrument to be duly executed.

LAZARD GROUP LLC,

by _____

Name:

Title:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHENTICATION

Dated:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,

by _____
Authorized Signatory

LAZARD GROUP LLC

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1. Indenture

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Securities of the Company, designated as its 6.85% Senior Notes due 2017 (herein called the "Notes," which expression includes any further notes issued pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Supplemental Indenture (as hereinafter defined) and forming a single series therewith), issued and to be issued under an indenture, dated as of May 10, 2005 (herein called the "Original Indenture"), as supplemented by a supplemental indenture, dated as of June 21, 2007 (the "Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Original Indenture, the "Indenture"), between LAZARD GROUP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (such company, and its successors and assigns under the Indenture hereinafter referred to, being herein called the "Company"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as trustee (the "Trustee"), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto relevant to the Notes reference is hereby made for a complete description of the rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of the Notes. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Note shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indenture.

The Indenture imposes certain limitations on the ability of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries to create or incur Liens and to dispose of shares of Capital Stock of Designated Subsidiaries. The Indenture also imposes certain limitations on the ability of the Company to merge, consolidate or amalgamate with or into any other person (other than a merger of a wholly owned Subsidiary into the Company) or sell, transfer, assign, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the property of the Company in any one transaction or series of related transactions.

Each Note is subject to, and qualified by, all such terms as set forth in the Indenture certain of which are summarized herein and each Holder of a Note is referred to the corresponding provisions of the Indenture for a complete statement of such terms. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the summary provisions set forth in the Notes and the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern.

2. Interest

(a) The Company promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate per annum shown above. The Company will pay interest semiannually on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing December 15, 2007. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from June 21, 2007. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

(b) Additional Interest. The Holder of this Note is entitled to the benefits of a Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2007, between the Company and the initial purchasers named therein (the "Registration Agreement"). Capitalized terms used in this paragraph (b) but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Registration Agreement. In the event that (i) neither the Exchange Offer Registration Statement nor the Shelf Registration Statement has been filed with the Securities and Commission on or prior to the 105th day following the date of the original issuance of the Notes, (ii) the Exchange Offer Registration Statement has not been declared effective on or prior to the 150th day following the date of the original issuance of the Notes, (iii) neither the Registered Exchange Offer has been consummated nor the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective on or prior to the 180th day following the date of the original issuance of the Notes, or (iv) after the Shelf Registration Statement has been declared effective, such Registration Statement thereafter ceases to be effective or usable in connection with resales of the Notes at any time that the Company is obligated to maintain the effectiveness thereof pursuant to the Registration Agreement (each such event referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) above being referred to herein as a "Registration Default"), interest (the "Additional Interest") shall accrue (in addition to stated interest on the Notes) from and including the date on which the first such Registration Default shall occur to but excluding the date on which all Registration Defaults have been cured, at a rate per annum equal to 0.25% of the principal amount of the Notes; provided, however, that such rate per annum shall increase by 0.25% per annum from and including the 76th day after the first such Registration Default (and each successive 76th day thereafter) unless and until all Registration Defaults have been cured; provided further, however, that in no event shall the Additional Interest accrue at a rate in excess of 0.50% per annum. The Additional Interest will be payable in cash semiannually in arrears each June 15 and December 15.

3. Paying Agent, Registrar and Service Agent

Initially, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, a New York corporation (the "Trustee"), will act as paying agent, registrar and service agent. The Company may appoint and change any paying agent, registrar or co-registrar and service agent without notice. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as paying agent, registrar, co-registrar or service agent.

4. Defaults and Remedies; Waiver

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, subject to certain limitations, may declare all the Notes due and payable immediately. In the case of an Event of Default resulting from certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, the principal (or such specified amount) and premium, if any, of all outstanding Notes will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any Holder of outstanding Notes.

Holders of Notes may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee may refuse to enforce the Indenture or the Notes

unless it receives reasonable indemnification. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power under the Indenture.

At any time after the principal of the Notes shall have been so declared due and payable (or have become immediately due and payable), and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the moneys due shall have been obtained or entered, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding under the Indenture, by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if (i) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest upon all the Notes and the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any and all Notes that shall have become due otherwise than by acceleration (with interest upon such principal and premium, if any, and, to the extent that such payment is enforceable under applicable law, upon overdue installments of interest, at the rate per annum expressed in the Notes to the date of such payment or deposit) and the amount payable to the Trustee under Section 7.07 of the Original Indenture and (ii) any and all existing Events of Default under the Indenture with respect to the Notes, other than the nonpayment of principal on Notes that shall not have become due by their terms, shall have been remedied or waived as provided in Section 6.04 of the Original Indenture. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes by notice to the Trustee may waive an existing Default and its consequences except a Default in the payment of the principal amount of premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on a Note. When a Default is waived, it is deemed cured, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any consequent right.

5. Amendment

In addition to any supplemental indenture otherwise authorized by the Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into supplemental indentures (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect), without the consent of any Holder of Notes, for one or more of the following purposes: (i) to evidence the succession of another person to the Company and the assumption by such successor of the Company's covenants, agreements and obligations; (ii) to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company by the Indenture, to add to the covenants of the Company such further covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions for the protection of the Holders of all or any Notes as the Board of Directors of the Company shall consider to be for the protection of the Holders of such Notes, and to make the occurrence, or the occurrence and continuance, of a default in respect of any such additional covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions a Default or an Event of Default under the Indenture; provided, however, that with respect to any such additional covenant, restriction, condition or provision, such amendment may provide for a period of grace after default, which may be shorter or longer than that allowed in the case of other Defaults, may provide for an immediate enforcement upon such Default, may limit the remedies available to the Trustee upon such Default or may

limit the right of Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes to waive such default; (iii) to cure any ambiguity or correct or supplement any provision contained in the Indenture, in any supplemental indenture or in any Notes that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision contained therein; (iv) to convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge any property to or with the Trustee, or to make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Indenture as shall not adversely affect the interests of any Holders of Notes; (v) to modify or amend the Indenture in such a manner as to permit the qualification of the Indenture or any supplemental indenture thereto under the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect; (vi) to add or to change any of the provisions of the Indenture to provide that Notes in bearer form may be registrable as to principal, to change or eliminate any restrictions on the payment of principal or premium with respect to Notes in registered form or of principal, premium or interest with respect to Notes in bearer form, or to permit Notes in registered form to be exchanged for Notes in bearer form, so as to not adversely affect the interests of the Holders or any coupons in any material respect or permit or facilitate the issuance of Notes in uncertificated form; (vii) to secure the Notes; (viii) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder; (ix) to add to, change, or eliminate any of the provisions of the Indenture with respect to the Notes, so long as any such addition, change or elimination not otherwise permitted under the Indenture shall (A) neither apply to any Note created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor modify the rights of the Holders of any such Note with respect to the benefit of such provision or (B) become effective only when there is no such Note outstanding; (x) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor or separate Trustee with respect to the Notes and to add to or change any of the provisions of the Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the Indenture by more than one Trustee.

With the written consent (as evidenced as provided in Section 9.02 of the Original Indenture) of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Notes at the time outstanding affected by such amendment (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Notes), the Company and the Trustee, may amend the Indenture without notice to any Holder; provided that no such amendment shall, without the consent of the Holders of each Note then outstanding and affected thereby, (i) reduce the principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, modification, supplement or waiver; (ii) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any Note; (iii) reduce the principal of or change the Stated Maturity of any Note; (iv) reduce the amount payable upon the redemption of any Note or add redemption provisions to any Note; (v) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Note; or (vi) make any change in the Sections of the Indenture relating to waivers of past defaults and the rights of Holders to receive payments, or in the foregoing amendment and waiver provisions. It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

Any consent to an amendment or a waiver by the Holder of this Note (unless revoked as provided in the Indenture) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders and owners of this Note and any Notes that may be

issued in exchange or substitution hereof, irrespective of whether or not any notation thereof is made upon this Note or such other Notes. Any Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke its consent if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date the amendment or waiver becomes effective. Neither the Company nor any Affiliate of the Company shall, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration, whether by way of interest, fee or otherwise, to any Holder for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of the Indenture or the Notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid to all Holders, ratably, that so consent, waive or agree to amend.

6. Obligations Absolute

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on this Note at the place, at the respective times, at the rate and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

7. Redemption Upon a Change of Control Triggering Event

Upon a Change of Control Triggering Event, any Holder of Notes shall have the right to cause the Company to repurchase all or any part of the Notes of such Holder at a repurchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Notes to be repurchased plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of repurchase (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the related interest payment date) as provided in, and subject to the terms of, the Indenture.

8. Sinking Fund

The Notes shall not be redeemable at the option of any Holder thereof, upon the occurrence of any particular circumstances or otherwise. The Notes will not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

9. Denominations; Transfer; Exchange

The Notes are issuable in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$2,000 principal amount and integral multiples of \$1,000 above that amount. When Notes are presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to register a transfer or to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Securities of the same Series, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Indenture, without payment of any service charge but with payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration or exchange of Notes.

The Company and the Registrar shall not be required (a) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Notes during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Notes of that Series selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such

mailing or (b) to register the transfer or exchange of Notes of any Series selected, called or being called for redemption as a whole or the portion being redeemed of any such Securities selected, called or being called for redemption in part.

10. Further Issues

The Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of the Notes and in accordance with the Indenture, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Notes.

11. Optional Redemption

The Notes may be redeemed at the Company's option, upon notice as set forth in the Indenture, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a Redemption Price equal to (A) the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed on the Redemption Date or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Notes being redeemed on that Redemption Date (not including any portion of any payment of interest accrued to the Redemption Date) discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis at the Treasury Rate, plus 25 basis points, as determined by the Reference Treasury Dealer, plus (B) in each case, accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes to the Redemption Date; provided that if the date fixed for redemption is on a date or after the Record Date and on or before the next following Interest Payment Date, then the interest payable on such date shall be paid to the Holder of record on the relevant Record Date.

12. Persons Deemed Owners

The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the register maintained by the Registrar.

13. No Recourse Against Others

A director, officer, employee or shareholder, as such, of any Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. By accepting a Note, each Holder shall waive and release all such liability. This waiver and release shall be part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.

14. Discharge and Defeasance

Subject to certain conditions set forth in the Indenture, the Company at any time may terminate some or all of its obligations under the Notes and the Indenture if the Company deposits with the Trustee money and/or U.S. Government Obligations for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes to redemption or maturity, as the case may be.

15. Unclaimed Money

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or, if then held by the Company, shall be discharged from such trust. Thereafter the Holder of such Note shall look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

16. Trustee Dealings with the Company

Subject to certain limitations imposed by the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights.

17. Abbreviations

Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as TEN COM (=tenants in common), TEN ENT (=tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (=joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (=custodian), and U/G/M/A (=Uniform Gift to Minors Act).

18. CUSIP Numbers

Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and has directed the Trustee to use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder of Notes upon written request and without charge to the Holder a copy of the Indenture.

OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 2.12 of the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, check the box:

If you want to elect to have only part of this Security purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 2.12 of the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, state the amount in principal amount: \$ _____

Dated: _____

Your Signature: _____

(Sign exactly as your name appears
on the other side of this Security.)

Signature Guarantee: _____

(Signature must be guaranteed)

Signatures must be guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Program (“STAMP”) or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

ASSIGNMENT FORM

For value received _____ hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto _____ (please insert social security or other identifying number of assignee) the within Note, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ attorney to transfer the said Note on the books of the Company, with full power of substitution in the premises.

In connection with any transfer of the within Note occurring prior to the second anniversary of the date of original issuance of such Note, the undersigned confirms that such Note is being transferred:

- (1) To Lazard Group LLC; or
- (2) So long as this Note is eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, to a person whom the seller reasonably believes is a Qualified Institutional Buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A, purchasing for its own account or for the account of a Qualified Institutional Buyer to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A; or
- (3) To an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act that is acquiring this Note for its own account, or for the account of such an institutional "accredited investor," in each case in a transaction involving a minimum principal amount of \$250,000 of Notes, for investment purposes and not with a view to or for offer or sale in connection with any distribution in violation of the Securities Act; or
- (4) In an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act; or
- (5) Pursuant to any exemption from registration under the Securities Act; or
- (6) Pursuant to an effective Registration Statement under the Securities Act.

Unless one of the boxes above is checked, the Trustee will refuse to register any of the within Notes in the name of any person other than the registered Holder thereof (or hereof); provided, however, that the Trustee may, in its sole discretion, register the transfer of such Notes if it has received such certifications, legal opinions and/or other information as the Company has required to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

In addition, if box (3), (4) or (5) above is checked, the Holder must furnish to the Trustee certifications, legal opinions or other information as it or the Company may require to confirm that such transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Dated: _____

Signature(s)

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible Guarantor Institution (banks, stock brokers, savings and loan associations and credit unions) with membership in an approved signature guarantee medallion program pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17Ad-15.

Signature Guarantee

TO BE COMPLETED BY PURCHASER IF (2) ABOVE IS CHECKED.

The undersigned represents and warrants that it is purchasing this Note for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and is aware that the sale is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Company as the undersigned has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon the undersigned's foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A.

Signature

Dated: _____

SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES, REDEMPTIONS, REPURCHASES
CANCELLATIONS AND TRANSFERS

The initial principal amount of this Global Note is \$. The following increases or decreases in this Global Note have been made:

<u>Date of Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Amount of Decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note</u>	<u>Amount of Increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note</u>	<u>Remaining Principal Amount of this Global Note Following such Decrease or Increase</u>	<u>Signature of Authorized Signatory of Trustee or Custodian</u>
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*Form of Certificate to be Delivered in Connection with
Transfers to Institutional Accredited Investors*

[Date]

[Trustee]
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Dear Sirs:

This certificate is delivered to request a transfer of \$_____ principal amount of the 6.85% Senior Notes due 2017 (the "Securities") of Lazard Group LLC (the "Company").

Upon transfer, the Securities would be registered in the name of the new beneficial owner as follows:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Taxpayer ID Number: _____

The undersigned represents and warrants to you that:

1. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")) purchasing for our own account or for the account of such an institutional "accredited investor" at least \$250,000 principal amount of the Securities, and we are acquiring the Securities not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution in violation of the Securities Act. We have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risk of our investment in the Securities and we invest in or purchase securities similar to the Securities in the normal course of our business. We and any accounts for which we are acting are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.

2. We understand that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act and, unless so registered, may not be sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree on our own behalf and on behalf of any investor account for which we are purchasing Securities to offer, sell or otherwise transfer such Securities prior to the date which is two years after the later of the date of original issue and the last date on which the Company or any affiliate of the Company was the owner of such Securities (or any predecessor thereto) (the "Resale Restriction Termination Date") only (a) to the Company, (b) so long as this Security is eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("Rule 144A"), to a person whom we reasonably believe is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A, purchasing for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, (c)

to an institutional accredited investor within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act that is acquiring the security for its own account, or for the account of such an institutional accredited investor, in each case in a transaction involving a minimum principal amount of \$250,000 of securities, for investment purposes and not with a view to or for offer or sale in connection with any distribution in violation of the Securities Act, (d) in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act, (e) pursuant to any exemption from registration under the Securities Act or (f) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States. The foregoing restrictions on resale will not apply subsequent to the Resale Restriction Termination Date. If any resale or other transfer of the Securities is proposed to be made pursuant to clause (c) above prior to the Resale Restriction Termination Date, the transferor shall deliver a letter from the transferee substantially in the form of this letter to the Company and the Trustee, which shall provide, among other things, that the transferee is an institutional accredited investor (within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act) and that it is acquiring such Securities for investment purposes and not for distribution in violation of the Securities Act. Each purchaser acknowledges that the Company and the Trustee reserve the right prior to any offer, sale or other transfer prior to the Resale Restriction Termination Date of the Securities pursuant to clauses (c), (d) or (e) above to require the delivery of an opinion of counsel, certifications and/or other information satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee. [We certify that we are not, and have not been, an affiliate of the Company.][We certify that we were not an affiliate of the Company at any time during the three months preceding the date of any offer, sale or other transfer of Securities.]

TRANSFeree: _____

BY: _____

*Form of Certificate to be Delivered in Connection with
Transfers Pursuant to Regulation S*

[Trustee]
Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

Re: Lazard Group LLC
6.85% Senior Notes due 2017 (the "Securities")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with our proposed sale of \$_____ aggregate principal amount of the Securities, we confirm that such sale has been effected pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, we represent that:

(a) the offer of the Securities was not made to a person in the United States;

(b) either (i) at the time the buy order was originated, the transferee was outside the United States or we and any person acting on our behalf reasonably believed that the transferee was outside the United States or (ii) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated off-shore securities market and neither we nor any person acting on our behalf knows that the transaction has been pre-arranged with a buyer in the United States;

(c) no directed selling efforts have been made in the United States in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S, as applicable; and

(d) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

In addition, if the sale is being made during a restricted period, we represent that the sale is not being made to a United States person or for the account or benefit of a United States person.

You and the Company are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby. Terms used in this certificate have the meanings set forth in Regulation S.

Very truly yours,

TRANSFEE: _____

BY _____

LAZARD GROUP LLC

\$600,000,000

6.85% Senior Notes Due 2017

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

June 21, 2007

Goldman, Sachs & Co.,
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.,

As representatives of the several Initial Purchasers
named in Schedule I to the Purchase Agreement,

c/o Goldman, Sachs & Co.,
85 Broad Street,
New York, New York 10004.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Lazard Group LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to those certain purchasers named in Schedule I to the Purchase Agreement (the "Initial Purchasers"), for whom you (the "Representative") are acting as representatives, its 6.85% Senior Notes due 2017 (the "Securities"), upon the terms set forth in the Purchase Agreement between the Company and the Initial Purchasers dated June 18, 2007 (the "Purchase Agreement") relating to the initial placement (the "Initial Placement") of the Securities. To induce the Initial Purchasers to enter into the Purchase Agreement and to satisfy a condition to your obligations thereunder, the Company agrees with you for your benefit and the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Securities (including the Initial Purchasers) (each a "Holder" and, collectively, the "Holders"), as follows:

1. **Definitions.** Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have their respective meanings set forth in the Purchase Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized defined terms shall have the following meanings:

"Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

"Affiliate" shall have the meaning specified in Rule 405 under the Act and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" shall have meanings correlative thereto.

"Broker-Dealer" shall mean any broker or dealer registered as such under the Exchange Act.

"Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies are authorized or obligated by law to close in New York City.

"Closing Date" shall mean the date of the first issuance of the Securities.

"Commission" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Deferral Period" shall have the meaning indicated in Section 4(k)(ii) hereof.

“Exchange Act” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“Exchange Offer Registration Period” shall mean the six-month period following the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer, exclusive of any period during which any stop order shall be in effect suspending the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

“Exchange Offer Registration Statement” shall mean a registration statement of the Company on an appropriate form under the Act with respect to the Registered Exchange Offer, and all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments thereto, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, and all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein, if any (it being understood that any representations and warranties contained in any such incorporated materials shall not constitute representations and warranties for any purpose herein).

“Exchanging Dealer” shall mean any Holder (which may include any Initial Purchaser) that is a Broker-Dealer and elects to exchange for New Securities any Securities that it acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities (but not directly from the Company or any Affiliate of the Company) for New Securities.

“Final Offering Circular” shall mean the offering circular, dated June 18, 2007 relating to the Securities, including any and all exhibits thereto and any information incorporated by reference therein as of such date (it being understood that any representations and warranties contained in any such incorporated materials shall not constitute representations and warranties for any purpose herein).

“Holder” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated May 10, 2005, as amended and supplemented by the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated June 21, 2007, relating to the Securities, and between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee, as each may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

“Initial Placement” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“Initial Purchaser” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“Issuer Free Writing Prospectus” shall have the meaning as set forth in Rule 433 under the Act.

“Issuer Information” shall mean all issuer information filed or required to be filed pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Act.

“Losses” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(d) hereof.

“Majority Holders” shall mean, on any date, Holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of Securities registered under a Registration Statement.

“Managing Underwriters” shall mean the investment banker or investment bankers and manager or managers that administer an underwritten offering, if any, under a Registration Statement.

“NASD Rules” shall mean the Conduct Rules and the By-Laws of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

“New Securities” shall mean debt securities of the Company identical in all material respects to the Securities (except that the transfer restrictions shall be modified or eliminated, as appropriate) to be issued under the New Securities Indenture.

“New Securities Indenture” shall mean an indenture between the Company and the New Securities Trustee, identical in all material respects to the Indenture (except that the transfer restrictions shall be modified or eliminated, as appropriate), which may be the Indenture if in the terms thereof appropriate provision is made for the New Securities.

“New Securities Trustee” shall mean the Trustee or a bank or trust company reasonably satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers, as trustee with respect to the New Securities under the New Securities Indenture.

“Prospectus” shall mean the prospectus included in any Registration Statement (including, without limitation, a prospectus that discloses information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A under the Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Securities or the New Securities covered by such Registration Statement, and all amendments and supplements thereto, including any information incorporated by reference therein (it being understood that any representations and warranties contained in any such incorporated materials shall not constitute representations and warranties for any purpose herein).

“Purchase Agreement” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“Registered Exchange Offer” shall mean the proposed offer of the Company to issue and deliver to the Holders of the Securities that are not prohibited by any law or policy of the Commission from participating in such offer, in exchange for the Securities, a like aggregate principal amount of the New Securities.

“Registrable Securities” shall mean (i) Securities other than those (A) that have been registered under a Registration Statement and disposed of in accordance therewith, (B) that have been distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Act or any successor rule or regulation thereto that may be adopted by the Commission, (C) that have become distributable to the public pursuant to Rule 144(k) under the Act or any successor rule or regulation thereto that may be adopted by the Commission or (D) that have ceased to be outstanding and (ii) any New Securities the resale of which by the Holder thereof requires compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Act.

“Registration Default Damages” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8 hereof.

“Registration Statement” shall mean any Exchange Offer Registration Statement or Shelf Registration Statement that covers any of the Securities or the New Securities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, any amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments (in each case including the Prospectus contained therein), and all exhibits thereto, if any.

“Securities” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

“Shelf Registration” shall mean a registration effected pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

“Shelf Registration Period” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(b) hereof.

“Shelf Registration Statement” shall mean a “shelf” registration statement of the Company pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 hereof which covers some or all of the Securities or New Securities, as applicable, on an appropriate form under Rule 415 under the Act, or any similar rule that may be adopted by the Commission, amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein, if any (it being understood that any representations and warranties contained in any such incorporated materials shall not constitute representations and warranties for any purpose herein).

“Trustee” shall mean the trustee with respect to the Securities under the Indenture.

“Trust Indenture Act” shall mean the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“underwriter” shall mean any underwriter of Securities in connection with an offering thereof under a Shelf Registration Statement.

2. **Registered Exchange Offer.** (a) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to prepare and, not later than 105 days following the Closing Date, file with the Commission the Exchange Offer Registration Statement with respect to the Registered Exchange Offer. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to become effective under the Act within 150 days of the Closing Date.

(b) Upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly commence the Registered Exchange Offer, it being the objective of such Registered Exchange Offer to enable each Holder electing to exchange Securities for New Securities (assuming that such Holder is not an Affiliate of the Company, acquires the New Securities in the ordinary course of such Holder’s business, has no arrangements with any person to participate in the distribution of the New Securities and is not prohibited by any law or policy of the Commission from participating in the Registered Exchange Offer) to trade such New Securities from and after their receipt without any limitations or restrictions under the Act and without material restrictions under the securities laws of a substantial proportion of the several states of the United States.

(c) In connection with the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

(i) mail to each Holder a copy of the Prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, together with an appropriate letter of transmittal and related documents;

(ii) keep the Registered Exchange Offer open for not less than 20 Business Days and not more than 30 Business Days after the date notice thereof is mailed to the Holders (or, in each case, longer if required by applicable law);

(iii) use its reasonable best efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement continuously effective under the Act, supplemented and amended as required under the Act, to ensure that it is available for sales of New Securities by Exchanging Dealers during the Exchange Offer Registration Period;

(iv) utilize the services of a depository for the Registered Exchange Offer with an address in the Borough of Manhattan in New York City, which may be the Trustee, the New Securities Trustee or an Affiliate of either of them;

(v) permit Holders to withdraw tendered Securities at any time prior to the close of business, New York time, on the last Business Day on which the Registered Exchange Offer is open; and

(vi) otherwise comply in all material respects with all laws applicable to the Registered Exchange Offer.

(d) As soon as practicable after the close of the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

(i) accept for exchange all Securities tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer;

(ii) deliver to the Trustee for cancellation all Securities so accepted for exchange; and

(iii) cause the New Securities Trustee promptly to authenticate and deliver to each Holder of Securities a principal amount of New Securities equal to the principal amount of the Securities of such Holder so accepted for exchange.

(e) Each Holder hereby acknowledges and agrees that any Broker-Dealer and any such Holder using the Registered Exchange Offer to participate in a distribution of the New Securities (x) could not, under Commission policy as in effect on the date of this Agreement, rely on the position of the Commission in Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation (pub. avail. May 13, 1988) and Morgan Stanley and Co., Inc. (pub. avail. June 5, 1991), as interpreted in the Commission's letter to Shearman & Sterling dated July 2, 1993 and similar no-action letters; and (y) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Act in connection with any secondary resale transaction, which must be covered by an effective registration statement containing the selling security holder information required by Item 507 or 508, as applicable, of Regulation S-K under the Act if the resales are of New Securities obtained by such Holder in exchange for Securities acquired by such Holder directly from the Company or one of its Affiliates. Accordingly, each Holder participating in the Registered Exchange Offer shall be required to represent to the Company that:

(i) any New Securities received by such Holder will be acquired in the ordinary course of business;

(ii) at the time of the commencement of the Registered Exchange Offer, such Holder has no arrangement, intent or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the Securities or the New Securities within the meaning of the Act;

(iii) such Holder is not an Affiliate of the Company or if it is an Affiliate of the Company, that it will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Act to the extent applicable;

(iv) if such Holder is a Broker-Dealer, that it meets the definition of an "Exchanging Dealer"; and

(v) if such Holder is a Broker-Dealer, that it is not acting on behalf of any person who could not truthfully and completely make the foregoing representations.

(f) If any Initial Purchaser determines that it is not eligible to participate in the Registered Exchange Offer with respect to the exchange of Securities constituting any portion of an unsold allotment, at the request of such Initial Purchaser, the Company shall issue and deliver to such Initial Purchaser or the person purchasing New Securities registered under a Shelf Registration Statement as contemplated by Section 3 hereof from such Initial Purchaser, in exchange for such Securities, a like principal amount of New Securities. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause the CUSIP Service Bureau to issue the same CUSIP number for such New Securities as for New Securities issued pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer.

3. Shelf Registration. (a) If (i) due to any change in law or applicable interpretations thereof by the Commission's staff, the Company determines upon advice of its outside counsel that it is not permitted to effect the Registered Exchange Offer as contemplated by Section 2 hereof, (ii) for any other reason the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not declared effective within 150 days of the date of original issuance of the Securities or the Registered Exchange Offer is not consummated within 180 days of the date hereof, provided that the Company may terminate such obligation if the Exchange Offer is subsequently consummated, (iii) any Initial Purchaser so requests with respect to Securities that are not eligible to be exchanged for New Securities in the Registered Exchange Offer and that are held by it following consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer, or (iv) any Holder (other than an Initial Purchaser) is not eligible to participate in the Registered Exchange Offer or in the case of any Initial Purchaser that participates in the Registered Exchange Offer or acquires New Securities pursuant to Section 2(f) hereof, such Initial Purchaser does not receive freely tradeable New Securities in exchange for Securities constituting any portion of an unsold allotment (it being understood that (x) the requirement that an Initial Purchaser deliver a Prospectus containing the information required by Item 507 or 508 of Regulation S-K under the Act in connection with sales of New Securities acquired in exchange for such Securities shall result in such New Securities being not "freely tradeable" and (y) the requirement that an Exchanging Dealer deliver a Prospectus in connection with sales of New Securities acquired in the Registered Exchange Offer in exchange for Securities acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities shall not result in such New Securities being not "freely tradeable"), the Company shall effect a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with subsection (b) below.

(b) (i) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to file as promptly as practicable after so required or requested pursuant to this Section 3 with the Commission and shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause to be declared effective under the Act as promptly as practicable after so required or requested, a Shelf Registration Statement relating to the offer and sale of the Securities or the New Securities, as applicable, by the Holders thereof from time to time in accordance with the methods of distribution elected by such Holders and set forth in such Shelf Registration Statement; provided, however, that no Holder (other than an Initial Purchaser) shall be entitled to have the Securities held by it covered by such Shelf Registration Statement unless such Holder agrees in writing to be bound by all of the provisions of this Agreement applicable to such Holder; provided further, that with respect to New Securities received by an Initial Purchaser in exchange for Securities constituting any portion of an unsold allotment, the Company may, if permitted by current interpretations by the Commission's staff, file a post-effective amendment to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement containing the information required by Item 507 or 508 of Regulation S-K, as applicable, in satisfaction of its obligations under this subsection with respect thereto, and any such Exchange Offer Registration Statement, as so amended, shall be referred to herein as, and governed by the provisions herein applicable to, a Shelf Registration Statement.

(ii) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended as required by the Act, in order to permit the Prospectus forming part thereof to be usable by Holders for a period the "Shelf Registration Period") from the date the Shelf Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission until (A) the

second anniversary of the Closing Date or (B) the date upon which all the Securities or New Securities, as applicable, covered by the Shelf Registration Statement cease to be Registerable Securities. The Company shall be deemed not to have used its reasonable best efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement effective during the Shelf Registration Period if it voluntarily takes any action that would result in Holders of Securities covered thereby not being able to offer and sell such Securities at any time during the Shelf Registration Period, unless such action is (x) required by applicable law or otherwise undertaken by the Company in good faith and for valid business reasons (not including avoidance of the Company's obligations hereunder), including the acquisition or divestiture of assets, and (y) permitted pursuant to Section 4(k)(ii) hereof.

(iii) The Company shall cause (A) the Shelf Registration Statement and the related Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, as of the effective date of the Shelf Registration Statement or such amendment or supplement, to comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act; and (B) the Shelf Registration Statement and the related Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, as of the effective date of the Shelf Registration Statement or such amendment or supplement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and any Issuer Information, not to contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein (in the case of the Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading.

4. Additional Registration Procedures. In connection with any Shelf Registration Statement and, to the extent applicable, any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the following provisions shall apply.

(a) The Company shall:

(i) furnish to each of the Representatives and to counsel for the Holders, not less than five Business Days prior to the filing thereof with the Commission, a copy of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any Shelf Registration Statement, and each amendment thereof and each amendment or supplement, if any, to the Prospectus included therein (including, if any Holder so requests in writing, all documents incorporated by reference therein after the initial filing) and shall use its reasonable best efforts to reflect in each such document, when so filed with the Commission, such comments as the Representatives reasonably propose;

(ii) include the information set forth in Annex A hereto on the facing page of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, in Annex B hereto in the forepart of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in a section setting forth details of the Exchange Offer, in Annex C hereto in the underwriting or plan of distribution section of the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, and in Annex D hereto in the letter of transmittal delivered pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer;

(iii) if requested by an Initial Purchaser, include the information required by Item 507 or 508 of Regulation S-K, as applicable, in the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement; and

(iv) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, include the names of the Holders that propose to sell Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement as selling security holders.

(b) The Company shall ensure that:

(i) any Registration Statement and any amendment thereto and any Prospectus forming part thereof and any amendment or supplement thereto complies in all material respects with the Act; and

(ii) any Registration Statement and any amendment thereto does not, when it becomes effective, and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and Issuer Information does not, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(c) The Company shall advise the Representatives, the Holders of Securities covered by any Shelf Registration Statement and any Exchanging Dealer under any Exchange Offer Registration Statement that has provided in writing to the Company a telephone or facsimile number and address for notices, and, if requested by any Representative or any such Holder or Exchanging Dealer, shall confirm such advice in writing (which notice pursuant to clauses (ii)-(vi) hereof shall be accompanied by an instruction to suspend the use of the Prospectus until the Company shall have remedied the basis for such suspension):

(i) when a Registration Statement and any amendment thereto has been filed with the Commission and when the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has become effective;

(ii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information;

(iii) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose;

(iv) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the securities included therein for sale in any jurisdiction or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose;

(v) of the Company's determination, and the Company determines upon advice of its outside counsel that, due to any change in law or applicable interpretations thereof by the Commission's staff, it is necessary to suspend the availability of the Shelf Registration Statement; and

(vi) of the happening of any event that requires any change in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus so that, as of such date, they (A) do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and (B) do not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of the Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading.

(d) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any order suspending the effectiveness of any Registration Statement or the qualification of the securities therein for sale in any jurisdiction and, if issued, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.

(e) The Company shall furnish to each Holder of Securities covered by any Shelf Registration Statement, without charge, at least one copy of such Shelf Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, including, if the Holder so requests in writing, all material incorporated therein by reference, and all exhibits thereto (including exhibits incorporated by reference therein).

(f) The Company shall, during the Shelf Registration Period, deliver to each Holder of Securities covered by any Shelf Registration Statement, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus (including each preliminary Prospectus) included in such Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as such Holder may reasonably request. The Company consents to the use of the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders of Securities in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities covered by the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, included in the Shelf Registration Statement.

(g) The Company shall furnish to each Exchanging Dealer which so requests, without charge, at least one copy of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, including, if the Exchanging Dealer so requests in writing, all material incorporated by reference therein, and all exhibits thereto (including exhibits incorporated by reference therein).

(h) The Company shall promptly deliver to each Initial Purchaser, each Exchanging Dealer and each other person required to deliver a Prospectus during the Exchange Offer Registration Period, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus included in such Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as any such person may reasonably request. The Company consents to the use of the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by any Initial Purchaser, any Exchanging Dealer and any such other person that may be required to deliver a Prospectus following the Registered Exchange Offer in connection with the offering and sale of the New Securities covered by the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, included in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement during the Exchange Offer Registration Period.

(i) Prior to the Registered Exchange Offer or any other offering of Securities pursuant to any Registration Statement, the Company shall arrange, if necessary, for the qualification of the Securities or the New Securities for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions as any Holder shall reasonably request and shall maintain such qualification in effect so long as required; provided that in no event shall the Company be obligated to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to service of process in suits, other than those arising out of the Initial Placement, the Registered Exchange Offer or any offering pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement, in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.

(j) The Company shall cooperate with the Holders of Securities to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing New Securities or Securities to be issued or sold pursuant to any Registration Statement free of any restrictive legends and in such denominations and registered in such names as Holders may request.

(k) (i) Upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by subsections (c)(ii) through (vi) above, the Company shall promptly (or within the time period provided for by clause (ii) hereof, if applicable) prepare a post-effective amendment to the applicable Registration Statement or an amendment or supplement to the related Prospectus or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to purchasers of the securities included therein, the Prospectus will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. In such circumstances, the period of effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement provided for in Section 2 shall be extended by the number of days from and including the date of the giving of a notice of suspension pursuant to Section 4(c) to and including the date when the Initial Purchasers, the Holders of the Securities and any known Exchanging Dealer shall have received such amended or supplemented Prospectus pursuant to this Section.

(ii) If the Company's board of directors determines in good faith that suspending the availability of the Shelf Registration Statement is necessary to avoid (A) impeding, delaying or otherwise interfering with any proposed or pending material corporate transaction or (B) disclosure of material non-public information, the disclosure of which at such time would not be in the best interests of the Company's equity holders or Lazard Ltd's stockholders, the Company shall give notice (without notice of the nature or details of such events) to the Holders that the availability of the Shelf Registration is suspended and, upon actual receipt of any such notice, each Holder agrees not to sell any Registrable Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration until such Holder's receipt of copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus, or until it is advised in writing by the Company that the Prospectus may be used, and has received, if the Holder so requests in writing, copies of any additional or supplemental filings that are incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in such Prospectus.

The period during which the availability of the Shelf Registration and any Prospectus is suspended (the "Deferral Period") shall not exceed 45 days in any three-month period or 115 days in any twelve-month period.

(l) Not later than the effective date of any Registration Statement, the Company shall provide a CUSIP number for the Securities or the New Securities, as the case may be, registered under such Registration Statement and provide the Trustee with printed certificates for such Securities or New Securities, in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company.

(m) The Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission and shall make generally available to its security holders an earnings statement satisfying the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act as soon as practicable after the effective date of the applicable Registration Statement and in any event no later than 45 days after the end of a 12-month period (or 90 days, if such period is a fiscal year) beginning with the first month of the Company's first fiscal quarter commencing after the effective date of the applicable Registration Statement.

(n) The Company shall cause the New Securities Indenture to be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act in a timely manner.

(o) The Company may require each Holder of securities to be sold pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement to furnish to the Company such information regarding the Holder and the distribution of such securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably require for inclusion in such Registration Statement and to agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement applicable to Holders. The Company may exclude from such Shelf Registration Statement the Securities of any Holder that unreasonably fails to furnish such information or agreement within a reasonable time after receiving such request.

(p) In the case of any Shelf Registration Statement, the Company shall enter into customary agreements (including, if requested, an underwriting agreement in customary form) and take all other appropriate actions in order to expedite or facilitate the registration or the disposition of the Securities, and in connection therewith, if an underwriting agreement is entered into, cause the same to contain indemnification provisions and procedures no less favorable than those set forth in Section 6 hereof.

(q) In the case of any Shelf Registration Statement, the Company shall:

(i) make reasonably available for inspection by the Holders of Securities to be registered thereunder, any underwriter participating in any disposition pursuant to such Registration Statement, and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by the Holders or any such underwriter all relevant financial and other records and pertinent corporate documents of the Company and its subsidiaries;

(ii) cause the Company's officers, directors, employees, accountants and auditors to supply all relevant information reasonably requested by the Holders or any such underwriter, attorney, accountant or agent in connection with any such Registration Statement as is customary for similar due diligence examinations;

(iii) make such representations and warranties to the Holders of Securities registered thereunder and the underwriters, if any, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in primary underwritten offerings and covering matters including, but not limited to, those set forth in the Purchase Agreement;

(iv) obtain opinions of counsel to the Company and updates thereof (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Managing Underwriters, if any) addressed to each selling Holder and the underwriters, if any, covering such matters as are customarily covered in opinions requested in underwritten offerings and such other matters as may be reasonably requested by such Holders and underwriters;

(v) obtain "comfort" letters and updates thereof from the independent certified public accountants of the Company (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of any subsidiary of the Company or of any business acquired by the Company for which financial statements and financial data are, or are required to be, included in the Registration Statement), addressed to each selling Holder of Securities registered thereunder and the underwriters, if any, in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in "comfort" letters in connection with primary underwritten offerings; and

(vi) deliver such documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested by the Majority Holders or the Managing Underwriters, if any, including those to evidence compliance with Section 4(k) and with any customary conditions contained in the underwriting agreement or other agreement entered into by the Company.

The actions set forth in clauses (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of this paragraph (q) shall be performed at (A) the effectiveness of such Registration Statement and each post-effective amendment thereto; and (B) each closing under any underwriting or similar agreement as and to the extent required thereunder.

(r) In the case of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall, if requested by an Initial Purchaser or by a broker dealer that holds Securities that were acquired as a result of market making or other trading activities:

(i) make reasonably available for inspection by the requesting party, and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by the requesting party, all relevant financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries;

(ii) cause the Company's officers, directors, employees, accountants and auditors to supply all relevant information reasonably requested by the requesting party or any such attorney, accountant or agent in connection with any such Registration Statement as is customary for similar due diligence examinations;

(iii) make such representations and warranties to the requesting party, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in primary underwritten offerings and covering matters including, but not limited to, those set forth in the Purchase Agreement;

(iv) obtain opinions of counsel to the Company and updates thereof (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the requesting party and its counsel, addressed to the requesting party, covering such matters as are customarily covered in opinions requested in underwritten offerings and such other matters as may be reasonably requested by the requesting party or its counsel;

(v) obtain “comfort” letters and updates thereof from the independent certified public accountants of the Company (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of any subsidiary of the Company or of any business acquired by the Company for which financial statements and financial data are, or are required to be, included in the Registration Statement), addressed to the requesting party, in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in “comfort” letters in connection with primary underwritten offerings, or if requested by the requesting party or its counsel in lieu of a “comfort” letter, an agreed-upon procedures letter under Statement on Auditing Standards No. 35, covering matters requested by the requesting party or its counsel; and

(vi) deliver such documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested by the requesting party or its counsel, including those to evidence compliance with Section 4(k) and with conditions customarily contained in underwriting agreements.

The foregoing actions set forth in clauses (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of this Section shall be performed at the close of the Registered Exchange Offer and the effective date of any post-effective amendment to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

(s) In the event that any Broker-Dealer shall underwrite any Securities or participate as a member of an underwriting syndicate or selling group or “assist in the distribution” (within the meaning of the NASD Rules) thereof, whether as a Holder of such Securities or as an underwriter, a placement or sales agent or a broker or dealer in respect thereof, or otherwise, the Company shall assist such Broker-Dealer in complying with the NASD Rules.

(t) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to take all other steps necessary to effect the registration of the Securities or the New Securities, as the case may be, covered by a Registration Statement.

5. Registration Expenses. The Company shall bear all expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations under Sections 2, 3 and 4 hereof and, in the event of any Shelf Registration Statement, will reimburse the Holders for the reasonable fees and disbursements of one firm or counsel (which shall initially be Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, but which may be another nationally recognized law firm experienced in securities matters designated by the Majority Holders) to act as counsel for the Holders in connection therewith, and, in the case of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, will reimburse the Initial Purchasers for the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel acting in connection therewith.

6. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder of Securities or New Securities, as the case may be, covered by any Registration Statement, each Initial Purchaser and, with respect to any Prospectus delivery as contemplated in Section 4(h) hereof, each Exchanging Dealer, the directors, officers, employees, Affiliates and agents of each such Holder, Initial Purchaser or Exchanging Dealer and each person who controls any such Holder,

Initial Purchaser or Exchanging Dealer within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in any preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or Issuer Information or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of the preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified holder, as incurred, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by it in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of the party claiming indemnification specifically for inclusion therein. This indemnity agreement shall be in addition to any liability that the Company may otherwise have.

The Company also agrees to indemnify as provided in this Section 6(a) or contribute as provided in Section 6(d) hereof to Losses of each underwriter, if any, of Securities or New Securities, as the case may be, registered under a Shelf Registration Statement, their directors, officers, employees, Affiliates or agents and each person who controls such underwriter on substantially the same basis as that of the indemnification of the Initial Purchasers and the selling Holders provided in this Section 6(a) and shall, if requested by any Holder, enter into an underwriting agreement reflecting such agreement, as provided in Section 4(p) hereof.

(b) Each Holder of securities covered by a Registration Statement (including each Initial Purchaser that is a Holder, in such capacity) severally and not jointly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signs such Registration Statement and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each such Holder, but only with reference to written information relating to such Holder furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Holder specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability that any such Holder may otherwise have.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified holder under this Section 6 or notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified holder will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; provided, however, the failure so to notify the indemnifying party (i) will not relieve it from liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent it did not otherwise learn of such action and such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses; and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified holder other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraph (a) or (b) above. The indemnifying party shall be entitled to appoint counsel (including local counsel) of the indemnifying party's choice at the indemnifying party's expense to represent the indemnified holder in any action for which indemnification is sought (in which case the indemnifying party shall not thereafter be responsible for the fees and expenses of any separate counsel retained by the indemnified holder or parties except as set forth below); provided, however, that such counsel shall be satisfactory to the indemnified holder. Notwithstanding the indemnifying party's election to appoint counsel (including local counsel) to represent the indemnified holder in an action, the indemnified holder shall have the right to employ

separate counsel (including local counsel), and the indemnifying party shall only bear the reasonable fees, costs and expenses of such separate counsel if (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified holder would present such counsel with a conflict of interest; (ii) the actual or potential defendants in, or targets of, any such action include both the indemnified holder and the indemnifying party and the indemnified holder shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties that are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party; (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified holder to represent the indemnified holder within a reasonable time after notice of the institution of such action; or (iv) the indemnifying party shall authorize the indemnified holder to employ separate counsel at the expense of the indemnifying party. Should the indemnifying party assume the defense of the indemnified holder, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified holder under this Section for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such party, in connection with the defense thereof, other than reasonable costs of investigation. In no event shall the indemnifying party be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. An indemnifying party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action) unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of each indemnified holder from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding.

(d) In the event that the indemnity provided in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified holder for any reason, then each applicable indemnifying party shall have a joint and several obligation to contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending any loss, claim, liability, damage or action) (collectively "Losses") to which such indemnified holder may be subject in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by such indemnifying party, on the one hand, and such indemnified holder, on the other hand, from the Initial Placement and the Registration Statement which resulted in such Losses; provided, however, that in no case shall any Initial Purchaser be responsible, in the aggregate, for any amount in excess of the purchase discount or commission applicable to such Security, or in the case of a New Security, applicable to the Security that was exchangeable into such New Security, as set forth in the Final Offering Circular, nor shall any underwriter be responsible for any amount in excess of the underwriting discount or commission applicable to the securities purchased by such underwriter under the Registration Statement which resulted in such Losses. If the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is unavailable for any reason, the indemnifying party and the indemnified holder shall contribute in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of such indemnifying party, on the one hand, and such indemnified holder, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. Benefits received by the Company shall be deemed to be equal to the total net proceeds from the Initial Placement (before deducting expenses) as set forth in the Final Offering Circular. Benefits received by the Initial Purchasers shall be deemed to be equal to the total purchase discounts and commissions as set forth in the Purchase Agreement, and benefits received by any other Holders shall be deemed to be equal to the value of receiving Securities or New Securities, as applicable, registered under the Act. Benefits received by any underwriter shall be deemed to be equal to the total underwriting discounts and commissions, as set forth on the cover page of the Prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement which resulted in such Losses. Relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any untrue or any alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or

alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information provided by the indemnifying party, on the one hand, or by the indemnified holder, on the other hand, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. The parties agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Holders were treated as one entity for such purpose) or any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (d), no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section, each person who controls a Holder within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act and each director, officer, employee and agent of such Holder shall have the same rights to contribution as such Holder, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, each officer, director, employee or agent of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the applicable terms and conditions of this paragraph (d).

(e) The provisions of this Section will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Holder or the Company or any of the indemnified persons referred to in this Section 6, and will survive the sale by a Holder of securities covered by a Registration Statement.

7. Underwritten Registrations. If any of the Securities or New Securities, as the case may be, covered by any Shelf Registration Statement are to be sold in an underwritten offering, the Managing Underwriters shall be selected by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Securities included in such offering, subject to the consent of the Company (which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and such Holders shall be responsible for all underwriting commissions and discounts in connection therewith.

No person may participate in any underwritten offering pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement, unless such person (i) agrees to sell such person's Securities or New Securities, as the case may be, on the basis reasonably provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements; and (ii) completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents reasonably required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

8. Registration Defaults. (a) If any of the following events ("Registration Defaults") shall occur, then the Company shall pay liquidated damages ("Registration Default Damages") to the Holders of Registrable Securities in respect of such Registrable Securities:

(i) any Registration Statement required by this Agreement is not filed with the Commission on or prior to the date specified for such filing in this Agreement;

(ii) any Registration Statement required by this Agreement is not declared effective by the Commission on or prior to the date specified for such effectiveness under this Agreement;

(iii) any Registration Statement required by this Agreement has been declared effective but ceases to be effective or usable at any time at which it is required to be effective under this Agreement, except as permitted by Section 4(k); or

(iv) the Registered Exchange Offer is not consummated within 180 days of the date hereof.

(b) Registration Default Damages shall accrue on the Registrable Securities at a rate of 0.25% per annum during the 75-day period immediately following the occurrence of such specified date and will increase by 0.25% per annum at the end of each subsequent 75-day period, but in no event shall such rate exceed 0.50% per annum; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay Registration Default Damages for more than one Registration Default at a time. Registration Default Damages will accrue from and include the date on which any such Registration Default shall occur and to, but excluding, the date on which (1) in the case of clause (i) above, the Registration Statement is filed, (2) in the case of clause (ii) above, the Registration Statement is declared effective, (3) in the case of clause (iii) above, the Registration Statement which had ceased to remain effective or usable is declared effective or usable and (4) in the case of clause (iv) above, the Registered Exchange Offer is consummated. Registration Default Damages shall accrue in addition to the stated interest on such Registrable Securities.

9. No Inconsistent Agreements. The Company has not entered into, and agrees not to enter into, any agreement with respect to its securities that is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders herein or that otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof.

10. Amendments and Waivers. The provisions of this Agreement may not be amended, qualified, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, unless the Company has obtained the written consent of the Holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the Registrable Securities outstanding; provided that, with respect to any matter that directly or indirectly affects the rights of any Initial Purchaser hereunder, the Company shall obtain the written consent of each such Initial Purchaser against which such amendment, qualification, supplement, waiver or consent is to be effective; provided, further, that no amendment, qualification, supplement, waiver or consent with respect to Section 8 hereof shall be effective as against any Holder of Registrable Securities unless consented to in writing by such Holder; provided, further, that the provisions of this Section 10 may not be amended, qualified, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, unless the Company has obtained the written consent of the Initial Purchasers and each Holder. Notwithstanding the foregoing (except the foregoing provisos), a waiver or consent to departure from the provisions hereof with respect to a matter that relates exclusively to the rights of Holders whose Securities or New Securities, as the case may be, are being sold pursuant to a Registration Statement and that does not directly or indirectly affect the rights of other Holders may be given by the Majority Holders, determined on the basis of Securities or New Securities, as the case may be, being sold rather than registered under such Registration Statement.

11. Notices. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand-delivery, first-class mail, telex, telecopier or air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery:

(a) if to a Holder, at the most current address given by such holder to the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Section 11, which address initially is, with respect to each Holder, the address of such Holder maintained by the Registrar under the Indenture;

(b) if to the Representatives, initially at the addresses set forth in the Purchase Agreement; and

(c) if to the Company, initially at its address set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given when received.

The Initial Purchasers or the Company by notice to the other parties may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

12. Remedies. Each Holder, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights provided to it herein, in the Indenture or in the Purchase Agreement or granted by law, including recovery of liquidated or other damages, will be entitled to specific performance of its rights under this Agreement. The Company agrees that monetary damages would not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of a breach by it of the provisions of this Agreement and hereby agrees to waive in any action for specific performance the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

13. Successors. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns, including, without the need for an express assignment or any consent by the Company thereto, subsequent Holders of Securities and the New Securities, and the indemnified persons referred to in Section 6 hereof. The Company hereby agrees to extend the benefits of this Agreement to any Holder of Securities and the New Securities, and any such Holder may specifically enforce the provisions of this Agreement as if an original party hereto.

14. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

15. Headings. The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

16. **Applicable Law**. **This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed in the State of New York. The parties hereto each hereby waive any right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim arising out of or relating to this Agreement.**

17. Severability. In the event that any one of more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstances, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect for any reason, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions hereof shall not be in any way impaired or affected thereby, it being intended that all of the rights and privileges of the parties shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. Securities Held by the Company, etc. Whenever the consent or approval of Holders of a specified percentage of principal amount of Securities or New Securities is required hereunder, Securities or New Securities, as applicable, held by the Company or its Affiliates (other than subsequent Holders of Securities or New Securities if such subsequent Holders are deemed to be Affiliates solely by reason of their holdings of such Securities or New Securities) shall not be counted in determining whether such consent or approval was given by the Holders of such required percentage.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement between the Company and the several Initial Purchasers.

Very truly yours,

LAZARD GROUP LLC,

by /s/ Michael J. Castellano

Name: Michael J. Castellano

Title: Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written.

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

By: /s/ Goldman, Sachs & Co.

(Goldman, Sachs & Co.)

For themselves and the other several
Initial Purchasers named in Schedule I
to the Purchase Agreement.

ANNEX A

Each broker-dealer that receives new securities for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new securities. The Letter of Transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of new securities received in exchange for securities where such securities were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The company has agreed that, starting on the expiration date and ending on the close of business six months after the expiration date, it will make this prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See “Plan of Distribution”.

ANNEX B

Each broker-dealer that receives new securities for its own account in exchange for securities, where such securities were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new securities. See “Plan of Distribution”.

ANNEX C

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each broker-dealer that receives new securities for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new securities. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of new securities received in exchange for securities where such securities were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The company has agreed that, starting on the expiration date and ending on the close of business six months after the expiration date, it will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until [insert date on which dealer prospectus delivery requirement under the Act expires], all dealers effecting transactions in the new securities may be required to deliver a prospectus.

The company will not receive any proceeds from any sale of new securities by brokers-dealers. New securities received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the new securities or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer and/or the purchasers of any such new securities. Any broker-dealer that resales new securities that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such new securities may be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Act and any profit of any such resale of new securities and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Act. The Letter of Transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Act.

For a period of six months after the expiration date, the company will promptly send additional copies of this prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the Letter of Transmittal. The company has agreed to pay all expenses incident to the Exchange Offer (including the expenses of one counsel for the holder of the securities) other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the holders of the securities (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Act.

[If applicable, add information required by Regulation S-K Items 507 and/or 508.]

ANNEX D

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A BROKER-DEALER AND WISH TO RECEIVE 10 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PROSPECTUS AND 10 COPIES OF ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.

Name: _____

Address: _____

If the undersigned is not a Broker-Dealer, the undersigned represents that it acquired the New Securities in the ordinary course of its business, it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of New Securities and it has no arrangements or understandings with any person to participate in a distribution of the New Securities. If the undersigned is a Broker-Dealer that will receive New Securities for its own account in exchange for Securities, it represents that the Securities to be exchanged for New Securities were acquired by it as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities and acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such New Securities; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, the undersigned will not be deemed to admit that it is an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**THIRD AMENDMENT
(Credit Agreement)**

THIRD AMENDMENT, dated as of June 18, 2007 (this "Amendment"), to the SENIOR REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of May 10, 2005 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among LAZARD GROUP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), the Banks from time to time parties thereto, CITIBANK, N.A., a national banking association ("Citibank"), and THE BANK OF NEW YORK, New York Branch ("The Bank of New York"), and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., a New York banking corporation as a Bank (in such capacity, "JPMorgan Chase Bank"), and together with Citibank and The Bank of New York, the "Banks") and as Administrative Agent for the Banks thereunder (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Company, the Banks and the Administrative Agent are parties to the Credit Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested, and upon this Amendment becoming effective, the Banks have agreed, to amend certain provisions of the Credit Agreement upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Defined Terms. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

2.1 Amendment to Section 1.1. Section 1.1 is hereby amended by adding the following defined term in proper alphabetical order:

"Intesa Debt": Indebtedness under the 4.25% senior note and under the 4.60% subordinated note, both due February 28, 2008 and issued by the Company in favor of Banca Intesa S.p.A., and incurred by the Company in connection with the dissolution of the Intesa Strategic Alliance and any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to Refinance such Indebtedness.

2.2 Amendment of Section 7.2. Section 7.2 is hereby amended by (i) deleting the “and” appearing after clause (r) thereof, (ii) deleting the “.” at the end of clause (s) thereof and inserting, in lieu thereof “; and”, and (iii) adding a new paragraph (t) after paragraph (s) thereof to read in its entirety as follows:

“(t) Indebtedness of the Company under the 6.85% senior notes due June 15, 2017 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$600,000,000, and any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to Refinance such Indebtedness; provided that (i) a portion of the proceeds of such Indebtedness is used by the Company to repay all outstanding obligations under the Intesa Debt and (ii) the remainder of the proceeds is not used to fund Restricted Payments.”

SECTION 3. MISCELLANEOUS

3.1 Limited Effect. Except as expressly amended, modified and supplemented hereby, the Credit Agreement is, and shall remain, in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

3.2 Effectiveness. This Amendment shall become effective as of the date (the “Third Amendment Effective Date”) of receipt by the Administrative Agent of counterparts hereof duly executed by the Company and Lenders constituting the Required Lenders.

3.3 Representations and Warranties. On and as of the Third Amendment Effective Date and after giving effect to this Amendment, the Company hereby confirms, reaffirms and restates the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4 of the Credit Agreement mutatis mutandis, except to the extent that such representations and warranties expressly relate to a specific earlier date in which case the Company hereby confirms, reaffirms and restates such representations and warranties as of such earlier date.

3.4 Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed by one or more of the parties hereto on any number of separate counterparts, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Amendment signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Company and the Administrative Agent. This Amendment may be delivered by facsimile transmission of the relevant signature pages hereof.

3.5 GOVERNING LAW. **THIS AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.**

[Signature page to follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the day and year first above written.

LAZARD GROUP LLC

By: /s/ Michael J. Castellano

Name: Michael J. Castellano

Title: Chief Financial Officer

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A as
Administrative Agent and as a Bank

By: /s/ Thomas H. Mulligan

Name: Thomas H. Mulligan

Title: Managing Director

CITIBANK, N.A., as a Bank

By: /s/ Matthew Nicholls

Name: Matthew Nicholls

Title: Managing Director

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, N.A., as a Bank

By: /s/ Joseph Ciacciarelli

Name: Joseph Ciacciarelli

Title: Managing Director

Signature page to Third Amendment to the Credit Agreement