

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Lazard Ltd [LAZ]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2005					
85 BROAD ST			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)	(City)	(State)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		15,000	D	\$22.2	4,805,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		800	D	\$22.21	4,804,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		1,600	D	\$22.22	4,803,100	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		600	D	\$22.23	4,802,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		600	D	\$22.22	4,801,900	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		1,100	D	\$22.21	4,800,800	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		3,600	D	\$22.22	4,797,200	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		8,500	D	\$22.2	4,788,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		1,000	D	\$22.21	4,787,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		400	D	\$22.23	4,787,300	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		200	D	\$22.22	4,787,100	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		200	D	\$22.23	4,786,900	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		200	D	\$22.24	4,786,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		5,700	D	\$22.25	4,781,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		400	D	\$22.26	4,780,600	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		400	D	\$22.27	4,780,200	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		500	D	\$22.28	4,779,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		100	D	\$22.25	4,779,600	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		400	D	\$22.29	4,779,200	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		3,600	D	\$22.25	4,775,600	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2005		S		8,000	D	\$21.61	4,767,600	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		2,000	D	\$21.98	4,765,600	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/13/2005		P		1,400	A	\$21.98	4,767,000	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/13/2005		P		600	A	\$21.99	4,767,600	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		2,773,500	D	\$21.9	1,994,100	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
85 BROAD ST

 (Street)
NEW YORK NY 10004

 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
85 BROAD ST
C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO

 (Street)
NEW YORK NY 10004

 (City) (State) (Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

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- The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were beneficially owned directly by Goldman Sachs Execution & Clearing, L.P. ("GSEC"). Without admitting any legal obligation, GSEC will remit appropriate profits, if any, to the Issuer. GSEC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

/s/ Ted Chang, Attorney-in-Fact 05/23/2005
 Date

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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