FORM 3

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

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|--|---------|-------|--|--|---|--|--|----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Jay Sylvia   |         |       | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2006 |  |   |  | ame and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ltd [ LAZ, LDZ ]        |                                  |  |   |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O LAZARD LTD   |         |       |  |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director |  | 10% Owner  |                                  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |  |
| 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA (Street)  |         |       |  |  |   |  | Officer (give title below)                               | Other (specify below)            |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |
| NEW YORK   | NY      | 10020 |  |  |   |  |  |                                  |  | Form filed by Mo  | re than One Reporting Person                             |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip) |  |  |   |  |  |                                  |  |   |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   |         |       |  |  |   |  |  |                                  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)  |         |       |  |  | 2. Amount o<br>(Instr. 4)   |  | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |                                  | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)    |   |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |         |       |  |  |   |  |  |                                  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)   |         |       |  | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative (Instr. 4) |  | vative Security                  | 4. Conversion  |   | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|  |         |       |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title  |  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Security   |   |  |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

<u>Lady Sylvia Jay</u>
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

03/23/2006

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 5 (b)(v).

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\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Scott D. Hoffman and William J. White, signing singly, the undersigned's true.

1. prepare and execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, in the content of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Lazard Ltd (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, or oth the description of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best in the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or this Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 14th day of March 2006.

Signature: \_\_\_\_/s/ \_Lady Sylvia Jay\_\_\_

Print Name: Lady Sylvia Jay