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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) February 6, 2012

Lazard Ltd

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Bermuda (State or Other Jurisdiction

001-32492 (Commission 98-0437848 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 441-295-1422

HM 11 (Zip Code)

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 6, 2012, Lazard Ltd issued a press release announcing financial results for its full year 2011 and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of Lazard Ltd s press release containing this information is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Lazard Ltd under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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

99.1 Press Release issued on February 6, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 6, 2012

LAZARD LTD

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman

Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release issued on February 6, 2012. td align="center"> Common Stock 300,000 \$ 5.1 0 D

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other GLEASON MICHAEL R X Employee/Director

C/O FINANCIAL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 2250 POOL ROAD, SUITE 102 **GRAPEVINE, TX 76051**

Signatures

William A. Jones, as Attorney in Fact for Michael R. Gleason

04/08/2005

Relationships

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Disposed of pursuant to merger agreement between issuer and LOC Acquisition Company.
- (2) Shares previously owned indirectly through the issuer's 401(k) plan.
- The options, which provided for vesting in five equal annual installments were accelerated and cancelled in the merger in exchange for (3) cash payments representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the sum of (i) the merger consideration (\$12.00 per share) and (ii) the dividend paid to stockholders of the issuer on May 17, 2004 (\$8.00 per share).

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