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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

RAGONE DOMINICK

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			Lazard Ltd [LAZ]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last) C/O LAZAR ROCKEFEL	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2016					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Accounting Officer					
(Street) 4. If Amend Filed(Month) NEW YORK, NY 10112					Č			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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)	
Class A Common Stock	03/01/2016			M	1,986	A	<u>(1)</u>	2,103	D		
Class A Common Stock	03/01/2016			F	735 (2)	D	\$ 35.18 (3)	1,368	D		
Restricted Class A Common Stock (4)	03/01/2016			A	6,172	A	\$ 0	6,172	D		

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

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

1. Title of 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (5)	<u>(6)</u>	02/26/2016		A	710		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Class A Common Stock	710
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	03/01/2016		M		1,986	03/01/2016	03/01/2016	Class A Common Stock	1,986

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RAGONE DOMINICK C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112

Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Dominick Ragone by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A 03/01/2016

**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).
 - Shares of Class A common stock were acquired upon the vesting of the relevant portion of prior grants of Restricted Stock Units

(1) ("RSUs"), including certain RSUs that had been acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of the underlying RSU awards.

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- (2) Represents shares of Class A common stock withheld by the Company to cover estimated taxes arising from the vesting of RSUs.
- (3) Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A common stock on February 29, 2016, the trading day immediately preceding the vesting date.
- (4) Of the shares of Restricted Class A common stock, 2,058 will vest on or around March 1, 2018, and 4,114 will vest on or around March 1, 2019.
- (5) Additional RSUs were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying RSU awards.
- (6) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock.
- (7) Of the RSUs, 87 vested on March 1, 2016, 202 will vest on or around March 1, 2017, 225 will vest on or around March 1, 2018, and 196 will vest on or around March 1, 2019.

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