RLJ Lodging Trust Form 4 August 04, 2016

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hale Leslie D.

> (First) (Middle)

C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST, 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER. **SUITE 1000**

(Street)

(State)

RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2016

Symbol

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

COO and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6.

Ownership

(D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct

7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Person

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

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BETHESDA, MD 20814

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(Zip)

(A) or Code V Price Amount (D) 69,248

(1)

Common 08/02/2016 Shares

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

352,884

D

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	5. 6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and		8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hale Leslie D. C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 BETHESDA, MD 20814

COO and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, Attorney-in-Fact

08/04/2016

**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).

These common shares were issued to the reporting person pursuant to RLJ Lodging Trust 2015 Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in

three equal installments annually on the anniversary of the grant date, provided the reporting person remains employed by the Issuer through the vesting date.

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