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LAZARD WORLD DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND DECLARES MONTHLY DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, August 12, 2005 – The Board of Directors of Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund (**NYSE:LOR**) today declared its first monthly dividend distribution of \$0.1167 per share on the company's outstanding common stock. The dividend is payable on September 23, 2005 to shareholders of record on September 12, 2005. The ex-dividend date is September 8, 2005.

The Fund's monthly dividend represents an annualized market yield of 7.0%, based on the share price of \$20.00 at the close of New York Stock Exchange trading on July 29, 2005.

Portfolio data as of July 31, 2005 including performance, asset allocation, top 10 holdings, sector weightings, regional exposure, and other Fund characteristics will be posted on Lazard Asset Management's website, www.Lazardnet.com.

The Fund's objective is total return, through a combination of dividends, income, and capital appreciation. The Fund's net assets are invested in a portfolio of approximately 60 to 90 world equity securities, consisting primarily of the highest dividend-yielding stocks selected from the current holdings of other accounts managed by Lazard Asset Management. The equity portfolio is broadly diversified in both developed and emerging market countries and across the capitalization spectrum. The Fund seeks enhanced income by investing in short duration (typically less than one year) emerging market forward currency contracts and other emerging market debt instruments.

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