

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bierkan Ross H.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST</u> <u>3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000</u> (Street) <u>BETHESDA MD 20814</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Investment Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/16/2011</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A		293,662 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	293,662	D	
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A		110,000 ⁽²⁾	A	\$0	403,662	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Units	⁽³⁾	05/16/2011		A ⁽³⁾		67,050		05/10/2012	⁽³⁾	Common Shares	67,050	\$0	67,050	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents 293,662 shares of beneficial interest ("common shares") received by Mr. Bierkan in connection with RLJ Lodging Trust's (the "Company") formation transactions.
- Concurrently with the closing of the Company's initial public offering, the Company granted 110,000 restricted shares to Mr. Bierkan, vesting ratably on each of the first 16 quarterly anniversaries of the date of grant, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.
- Represents 67,050 units of limited partnership interests ("OP Units") in the operating partnership of the Company, RLJ Lodging Trust, L.P., of which the Company is the general partner, that Mr. Bierkan received in connection with the Company's formation transactions. OP Units are redeemable for an equal number of the Company's common shares, or at the election of the Company, cash equal to the fair market value of such shares. OP Units have no expiration date.

Remarks:

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, 05/16/2011
Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person 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 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).

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