

Ward Conan M.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ward Conan M.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD., SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/18/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CUO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/18/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		21,612	D	
					\$ 24.2 <sub>(2)</sub>		
					211,397		
Common Stock	12/18/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,049	D	
					\$ 25.02 <sub>(3)</sub>		
					208,348		

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ward Conan M. C/O VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD HAMILTON, D0 HM11			EVP & CUO	

## Signatures

/s/ Conan M. Ward 12/19/2008

\*\*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).
- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 23, 2008, as amended. The plan provides in part for sales of shares in an amount sufficient to satisfy tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted stock.
- (1) These shares of common stock were sold at prices between \$23.78 and \$24.78. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the Issuer, or any security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (2) These shares of common stock were sold at prices between \$24.80 and \$25.21. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the Issuer, or any security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (3)

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