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FORM 4

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Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction

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See Instruction 30(n) of the Investment Compa

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mercer Stuart W.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD, SUITE			(Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2011	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
1790		,	00,10,2011	below) below) Executive Vice President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
HAMILTON, D	0 HM11		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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 Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne			

(City)	(State)	Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Di	sposed	of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common						\$			
Shares	05/13/2011		S	10,000	D	31.92	168,909	D	
Silares						<u>(1)</u>			

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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mercer Stuart W. 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD SUITE 1790 HAMILTON, D0 HM11

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Stuart W.
Mercer

**Signature of Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- (1) These shares of common stock were sold at prices between \$31.89 and \$31.95. 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 sold at each separate price.

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