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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION						OMB APPROVAL	
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See Instru	ction	30(h) of the l	Investment Company Act of	1940			
1(b).							
(Print or Type R	esponses)						
			er Name and Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]							
(T i)				(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M		of Earliest Transaction	X Director	100	% Owner	
C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO., 85 11/28			/Day/Year) /2008	Officer (give title Other (specify			
BROAD ST		11,20,	2000	below)	below)		
	(Street) 4. If Amendm		nendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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X Form filed by O					One Reporting Person Iore than One Reporting		
NEW YORK	K, NY 10004			Person	whole than one R	eporting	
(City)	(State) (Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Derivative Securities	Acquired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3. 4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership		
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, i any	f TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)	Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial	
(11541-0)		(Month/Day/Year		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
				Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
			(A)	Reported Transaction(s)			
			or Code V Amount (D) Prio	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
G			Code (Amount (D) The			See	
Common				14,057,137 (2)	Ι	footnotes	
Shares				(3)		(1) (2) (3)	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	8		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Warrants to purchase Common Shares	\$ 17.5					<u>(4)</u>	12/12/2015	Common Shares	1,604,410.1 $(2) (3)$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
KATZ STUART A C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Х				
Signatures					
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	1	2/02/2008			

**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 Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned
 subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.

(2) Effective November 28, 2008, the Reporting Person resigned from the Board of Directors of Validus Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company").

Goldman Sachs and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 14,057,137 common shares of the Company, par value \$ 0.175 per share (the "Common Shares") and 1,604,410.1 warrants to purchase Common Shares by reason of the

- (3) Company, par value (0.175 per share (the Common Shares) and 1,004,410.1 waitants to purchase common shares by reason of the beneficial ownership of such shares by certain investment partnerships of which affiliates of Goldman Sachs and GS Group are the general partner, managing general partner or managing limited partner.
- (4) The warrants are exercisable at any time prior to December 12, 2015.

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