

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC

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)

4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10080

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Shares                   | 08/14/2007                           |  | S                              | 100 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 22  | 5,714,285 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | See footnotes <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>           |
| Common Shares                   | 08/14/2007                           |  | S                              | 400 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 22.01                                     | 5,714,285 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | See footnotes <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>           |
| Common Shares                   | 08/14/2007                           |  | P                              | 100 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 22.04                                     | 5,714,285 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | See footnotes <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>           |
| Common Shares                   | 08/14/2007                           |  | P                              | 400 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 22.07                                     | 5,714,285 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | See footnotes <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>           |

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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 Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC<br>4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10080 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. By: Frank  
Marinaro 08/16/2007

\_\_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).
- (1) The transactions reported on this Form reflect transactions executed in error by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., on behalf of a retail client.  
The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) Reporting Person disclaims that the transactions reported on this Form are subject to reporting under Section 16(a) and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such section applies to the reported transactions.
- (3) 4,285,714 shares are owned directly by ML Global Private Equity Fund, L.P. ("MLGPE"), a partnership of which MLGPE LTD. is the general partner, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML Global Private Equity Partners, L.P., the general partner of which is Merrill Lynch GP, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 1,428,571 shares are owned directly by Merrill Lynch Ventures L.P. 2001, a partnership of which Merrill Lynch Ventures,

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L.L.C., is the general partner, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.

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