FORM 4

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Reporting Owners

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting P MERRILL LYNCH & CO IN | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CEN | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/14/2007 | | | | | Office | r (give title belo | w) | Other (specify | below) | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10080 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | ear) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. 8) | | (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: | Beneficial |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 a | tr. 3 and 4) | | \ / | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Shares | 09/14/2007 | | P | | 870 (1) | A | \$ 25.188 | 5,715,360 (2) (3) (4) | | I | See footnotes (2) (3) | |
| Common Shares | 09/18/2007 | | Р | | 100 (1) | A | \$ 24.93 | 5,715,460 (2) (3) (5) | | 5) | I | See footnotes (2) (3) |
| Common Shares | 09/18/2007 | | S | | 1,005 (1) | D | \$ 24.97 | 5,714,455 (2) (3) (6) | | I | See footnotes (2) (3) | |
| Common Shares | 09/18/2007 | | P | | 100 (1) | A | \$ 25 | 5,714,555 (2) (3) (7) | | I | See footnotes (2) (3) | |
| Common Shares | 09/19/2007 | | P | | 135 (1) | A | \$ 25.20 | 5,714,690 (2) (3) (8) | | I | See footnotes (2) (3) | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line | for each class of secu | rities beneficially o | wned direc | Per | sons wh | o res | | | ction of infe | | | 2 1474 (9-02) |
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| | | Derivative Securit (e.g., puts, calls, w | arrants, op | | | | | ly Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transacti Date (Month/Day) | Execution Da any | Code Year) (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | and (M | Date Exerd Expiration Conth/Day/ | on Date | ate Amount of | | (Instr. 5) | | Owners Form o Derivat Security Direct (or Indir | f Beneficia Ownershi y: (Instr. 4) |
| | | Code V | (A) (D) | Dat Exc | | Expira Date | rition Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Relationships

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

Signatures

| Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. By: Frank Marinaro | 09/21/2007 |
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| **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 by the error correction section of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPFS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co., Inc."), to correct errors made in connection with trades made on behalf of clients.
- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. In connection with all of the transactions reported on this Form, the Reporting Person has agreed to voluntarily remit appropriate profits, if any, to Validus Holdings Ltd. The Reporting Person disclaims that the transactions reported on this Form are subject to reporting under Section 16(a) or disgorgement under Section 16(b), and this report shall not be deemed an admission that those sections apply to these transactions.
- 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 ML&Co., Inc. 1,428,571 shares are owned directly by Merrill Lynch Ventures L.P. 2001, a partnership of which Merrill Lynch Ventures, L.L.C., is the general partner, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.
- (4) 1075 shares are owned directly by MLPFS.
- (5) 1175 shares are owned directly by MLPFS.
- (6) 170 shares are owned directly by MLPFS.
- (7) 270 shares are owned directly by MLPFS.
- (8) 405 shares are owned directly by MLPFS.

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