

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>^ Levy Sander M.<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>C/O VALIDUS RE, ^ SUITE<br>1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE<br>ROAD<br>(Street)<br><br>HAMILTON, ^ D0 ^ HM11<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>07/24/2007 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares                      | 8,571,427  | I   | See Note <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                                   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title         | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Warrants to acquire common shares | Â (4)            | 12/12/2015      | Common Shares | 972,810                    | \$ 17.5  | I                                     | See Note (2) (3) |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Levy Sander M.<br>C/O VALIDUS RE<br>SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD<br>HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM11 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

John Schuster,  
Power-of-Attorney

07/24/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes shares and options held by funds affiliated with or managed by Vestar Capital Partners: Vestar AIV Employees Validus Ltd., Vestar AIV Holdings B L.P., and Vestar AIV Holdings A L.P.
- (2) Includes warrants held by funds affiliated with or managed by Vestar Capital Partners: Vestar AIV Employees Validus Ltd. (10,236.3 warrants), Vestar AIV Holdings B L.P. (8,130.9 warrants), and Vestar AIV Holdings A L.P. (954,442.5 warrants).
- (3) Sander M. Levy is a managing director of Vestar Capital Partners and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the shares and warrants held thereby. Mr. Levy disclaims existence of a group and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares, options and warrants owned by entities affiliated with or managed by Vestar Capital Partners.
- (4) Warrants are exercisable at any time prior to Expiration Date.

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