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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KATZ STUART A (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10004 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <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 (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	14,057,137	I	See (1) (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Warrants to purchase Common Shares	Â (3)	12/12/2015	Common Shares	1,604,410.1	\$ 17.5	I	See (1) (2)

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	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman,
attorney-in-fact

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) The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a direct and indirect 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) Goldman Sachs and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 14,057,137 common shares of Validus Holdings, Ltd., par value \$ 0.175 per share (the "Common Shares"), and 1,604,410.1 warrants 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.
- (3) The warrants are exercisable at any time prior to December 12, 2015.

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