

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
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Voting Items 2. To elect the listed nominees as Designated Company Directors so that they may be elected directors of certain of our non-U.S. subsidiaries: 3. To approve the executive compensation payable to the Company's named executive officers. 5. To approve the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Hamilton, Bermuda to act as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. 4. To select the frequency at which Shareholders will be asked to approve the compensation paid by the Company to its named executive officers. The Board of Directors recommends you vote 3 years on the following proposal: NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. 01) Matthew J. Grayson 02) Jean-Marie Nessi 03) Mandakini Puri 1. To elect the following three nominees as Class I Directors to hold office until 2014: Nominees: The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following: The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal: The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal: AND Nominees: 04) Edward J. Noonan 05) C.N. Rupert Atkin 06) Patrick G. Barry 07) Peter A. Bilsby 08) Julian P. Bosworth 09) Michael E.A. Carpenter 10) Rodrigo Castro 11) Jane S. Clouting 12) Joseph E. Consolino 13) C. Jerome Dill 14) Andrew Downey 15) Kerry A. Emanuel 16) Jonathan D. Ewington 17) Andrew M. Gibbs 18) Michael Greene 19) Nicholas J. Hales 20) Mark S. Johnson 21) Anthony J. Keys 22) Robert F. Kuzloski 23) Gillian S. Langford 24) Stuart W. Mercer 25) Paul J. Miller 26) Jean-Marie Nessi 27) Julian G. Ross 28) Rafael Saer 29) James E. Skinner 30) Verner G. Southey 31) Nigel D. Wachman 32) Conan M. Ward 33) Lixin Zeng M31349-P08211

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