

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2008

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

NEW YORK, NY 10080

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	08/14/2008		S	(A) or (D) V Amount Price D \$ 24.5	5,712,760 <sup>(2)</sup> <u>(3) (4)</u>	I	See footnotes <u>(2) (3) (4) (5)</u>
Common Shares	08/19/2008		P	(A) or (D) V Amount Price A \$ 24.33	5,712,860 <sup>(2)</sup> <u>(3) (6)</u>	I	See footnotes <u>(2) (3) (5) (6)</u>
Common Shares	08/19/2008		P	(A) or (D) V Amount Price A \$ 24.34	1,225 <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(3) (7)</u>	I	See footnotes <u>(2) (3) (5) (7)</u>
Common Shares	08/19/2008		P	(A) or (D) V Amount Price A \$ 24.35	5,714,185 <sup>(2)</sup> <u>(3) (8)</u>	I	See footnotes <u>(2) (3) (5) (8)</u>



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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.
- (3) 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) MLPFS is short 1,525 shares.
- (5) The Reporting Person may be deemed a director by virtue of the fact that an employee of an affiliate of the Reporting Person serves as a director of the Issuer. ML&Co., Inc. disclaims its possible status as a director of the Issuer.
- (6) MLPFS is short 1,425 shares.
- (7) MLPFS is short 200 shares.
- (8) MLPFS is short 100 shares.
- (9) No shares are owned directly by MLPFS.

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