Mercer Stuart W. Form 4 August 30, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mercer Stuart W.

(First)

48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD, SUITE

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

08/27/2010

X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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Chief Risk Officer

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(City) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

08/27/2010

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5,000

D 25.45

182,734

D

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

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. Mumber	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mercer Stuart W. 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD SUITE 1790 HAMILTON, D0 HM11

Chief Risk Officer

Signatures

/s/ Stuart W. 08/30/2010 Mercer

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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