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VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD Form 8-K December 21, 2012 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 21, 2012

Commission file number 001-33606

VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

98-0501001 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

29 Richmond Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 278-9000 Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 21, 2012, Validus Holdings, Ltd. issued a press release disclosing its initial estimate of losses from Hurricane Sandy. The full text of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the information set forth in Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

Press Release ("Validus Holdings, Ltd. Provides Initial Estimate of Net Negative Financial Impact from Hurricane Sandy") dated December 21, 2012.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 21, 2012

VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Robert F. Kuzloski

Name: Robert F. Kuzloski

Title: Executive Vice President and General

Counsel