Rajpal Sumit Form 4 December 16, 2010

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rajpal Sumit

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

below)

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO., 200 WEST STREET

> 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/14/2010

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

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

NEW YORK, NY 10282

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

I

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

> See footnote

Common Stock

12/14/2010

3,148,861 J(1)(1)

D \$ 30 9,634,782 (2)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Rajpal Sumit C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282	X						

Signatures

/s/ Rachel Parrish, Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
 - On December 8, 2010, pursuant to the tender offer by Validus Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") for up to 7,945,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.175 per share (the "Common Stock"), at a price of \$30.00 per share upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Offer to Purchase and Letter of Transmittal, each dated November 8, 2010, and filed with the Securities and Exchange
- (1) Commission in the Company's Schedule TO on November 8, 2010 (as amended), certain investment partnerships of which affiliates of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs") and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group") are the general partner, managing general partner or managing limited partner (the "Limited Partnerships") tendered and, on December 14, 2010, the Company accepted for payment 3,148,861 shares of Common Stock.
- The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. The
 Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any. As of December 14, 2010, Goldman Sachs and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 9,634,782 shares of Common Stock by reason of the beneficial ownership of such shares by the Limited Partnerships.

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