

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GS Private Equity Partners
2000, L.P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

85 BROAD STREET,Â

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
(Month/Day/Year)
07/24/2007

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Shares

14,057,137

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See (1) (2) (3) (4)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)
Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Warrants to purchase Common Shares	Â (5)	12/12/2015	Common Shares	1,604,410.1 \$ 17.5	I See (1) (2) (3) (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GS Private Equity Partners 2000, L.P. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS Private Equity Partners 2000 Offshore Holdings, L.P. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS Private Equity Partners 2000 - Direct Investment Fund L.P. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS Advisors V AIV, LTD. 85 BROAD STREET 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS Capital Partners V Employee Funds GP, L.L.C. 85 BROAD STREET 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS ADVISORS V LLC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GOLDMAN SACHS MANAGEMENT GP GMBH MESSETURM 60308 FRANKFURT AM MAIN GERMANY, 2M 00000	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS PEP 1999 Advisors, L.L.C. 85 BROAD STREET 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS PEP 1999 Offshore Advisors, Inc. 85 BROAD STREET 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GS PEP 1999 Direct Investment Advisors, L.L.C. 85 BROAD STREET 10TH FLOOR	Â	Â X	Â	Â

NEW YORK, NY 10004

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman,
attorney-in-fact 07/24/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) See Exhibit 99.1 for text of footnote 1.
- (2) Due to the electronic system's limitation of 10 Reporting Persons per joint filing, this statement is being filed in triplicate.
- (3) See Exhibit 99.1 for text of footnote 3.
- (4) See Exhibit 99.1 for text of footnote 4.
- (5) The warrants are exercisable at any time prior to December 12, 2015.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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