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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Watson Christopher E

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/23/2007

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O VALIDUS RE. SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD

(Street)

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

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

HAMILTON, DOÂ HM11

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

4. 5. Conversion Ownership Form of or Exercise

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

(Instr. 4)

Amount or

Derivative

Price of

Derivative

Security: Expiration Title Security Direct (D) Number of Exercisable Date

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Shares or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Warrants right to buy $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 12/12/2015 \stackrel{Common}{Shares} 6,026 $17.5 D \stackrel{(2)}{=} \hat{A}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Watson Christopher E

C/O VALIDUS RE
SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD

HAMILTON, D0Â HM11

Signatures

John Schuster, Power-of-Attorney 07/24/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) These warrants are exercisable at any time prior to their expiration date.
- (2) Remarks: Christopher E. Watson is a senior principal at Aquiline Capital Partners LLC. Mr. Watson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares and warrants owned by Aquiline Capital Partners LLC and its management company and affiliated companies.

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