VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10080

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/26/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	11/26/2008		S		900 (1)	D	$ 22.63	5,713,385 (2) (3) (4)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (4) (5)
Common Shares	12/01/2008		P		100 (1)	A	$ 22.36	5,713,485 (2) (3) (6)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (5) (6)
Common Shares	12/01/2008		P		300 (1)	A	$ 22.39	5,713,785 (2) (3) (7)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (5) (7)
Common Shares	12/01/2008		P		200 (1)	A	$ 22.44	5,713,985 (2) (3) (8)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (5) (8)

Common Shares	09/22/2008		P	300 (1)	D	$ 22.45	5,714,285 (2) (3) (9)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (5) (9)

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10080	X			

Signatures

Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. By: Frank Marinaro	12/10/2008
**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).

(1) The transactions reported on this Form reflect transactions executed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPFS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co., Inc.").

(2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. In connection with all of the transactions reported on this Form, the Reporting Person has agreed to voluntarily remit appropriate profits, if

any, to Validus Holdings Ltd. The Reporting Person disclaims that the transactions reported on this Form are subject to reporting under Section 16(a) or disgorgement under Section 16(b), and this report shall not be deemed an admission that those sections apply to these transactions.

(3) 4,285,714 shares are owned directly by ML Global Private Equity Fund, L.P. ("MLGPE"), a partnership of which MLGPE LTD. is the general partner, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML Global Private Equity Partners, L.P., the general partner of which is Merrill Lynch GP, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co., Inc. 1,428,571 shares are owned directly by Merrill Lynch Ventures L.P. 2001, a partnership of which Merrill Lynch Ventures, L.L.C., is the general partner, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.

(4) MLPFS' direct ownership is short 900 shares.

(5) The Reporting Person may be deemed a director by virtue of the fact that an employee of an affiliate of the Reporting Person serves as a director of the Issuer. ML&Co., Inc. disclaims its possible status as a director of the Issuer.

(6) MLPFS' direct ownership is short 800 shares.

(7) MLPFS' direct ownership is short 500 shares.

(8) MLPFS' direct ownership is short 300 shares.

(9) No shares are owned directly by MLPFS.

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