

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD
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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 *

Ward Conan M.
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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

(Street)

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

113,318

D

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)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

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

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Options | Â (1) | 12/12/2015 | Common Shares | 246,614 | \$ 17.4 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ward Conan M. C/O VALIDUS RE SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM11 | Â | Â | Â Chief Underwriting Officer | Â |

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 options vest ratably over five years beginning December 12, 2006.

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