

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GS PEP 2000 Advisors, L.L.C.			(Month/Day/Year)	VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
85 BROAD STREET				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
NEW YORK, NY 10004				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		(give title below)	(specify below)
					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
					<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	I	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)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Warrants to purchase Common Shares	12/12/2015	12/12/2015	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 PEP 2000 Advisors, L.L.C. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004		X		
GS PEP 2000 Offshore Holdings Advisors, Inc. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004		X		
GS PEP 2000 Direct Investment Advisors, L.L.C. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004		X		

## Signatures

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

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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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.

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