

Rajpal Sumit
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Rajpal Sumit

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO., 200 WEST STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2010

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

NEW YORK, NY 10282

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/14/2010		J(1)	3,148,861 (1)	D \$ 30 9,634,782	I	See footnote (2)

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)

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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... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr...
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rajpal Sumit C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282	X			

Signatures

/s/ Rachel Parrish,
Attorney-in-fact

12/16/2010

**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).

On December 8, 2010, pursuant to the tender offer by Validus Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") for up to 7,945,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.175 per share (the "Common Stock"), at a price of \$30.00 per share upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Offer to Purchase and Letter of Transmittal, each dated November 8, 2010, and filed with the Securities and Exchange

- (1) Commission in the Company's Schedule TO on November 8, 2010 (as amended), certain investment partnerships of which affiliates of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs") and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group") are the general partner, managing general partner or managing limited partner (the "Limited Partnerships") tendered and, on December 14, 2010, the Company accepted for payment 3,148,861 shares of Common Stock.

- (2) The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any. As of December 14, 2010, Goldman Sachs and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 9,634,782 shares of Common Stock by reason of the beneficial ownership of such shares by the Limited Partnerships.

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