

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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Watson Christopher E</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O VALIDUS RE,Â SUITE              1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE              ROAD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM11</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/23/2007</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other              (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

<p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title      Amount or Number of</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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Warrants right to buy	Â (1)	12/12/2015	Common Shares	Shares 6,026	\$ 17.5	or Indirect (1) (Instr. 5)	D (2)	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Watson Christopher E C/O VALIDUS RE SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM11	Â X	Â	Â	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 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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