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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Rajpal Sumit Issuer Symbol VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & 11/17/2010 below) CO., 200 WEST STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10282

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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. Securitie orDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D)	uired (A) or Price	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)
Common Stock	11/17/2010		S	100 754	D		13,599,393	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock	11/18/2010		S	105,267 (1)	D	\$ 29.4753	13,494,126	I	See footnote (3)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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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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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rajpal Sumit C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282



Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kosic. 11/19/2010 Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- The securities reported herein as indirectly sold were sold and may be deemed to have been beneficially owned directly by certain (1) 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 ("Limited Partnerships").
- Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$29.3150 per share, at prices ranging from \$29.15 to \$29.47 per share. Upon request by the staff (2) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided.
 - 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
- (3) any. As of November 18, 2010, Goldman Sachs and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 13,494,126 common shares of Validus Holdings, Ltd., par value \$0.175 per share, by reason of the beneficial ownership of such shares by the Limited Partnerships.
- Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$29.4753 per share, at prices ranging from \$29.33 to \$29.59 per share. Upon request by the staff (4) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided.

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