Rajpal Sumit Form 4 November 23, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Rajpal Sumit

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO., 200 WEST STREET

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

11/19/2010

_X__ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(City) (State) (Zip) 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	orDisposed of (Instr. 3, 4	of (D) and 5) (A) or		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	11/19/2010		Code V S	Amount 71,965 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 29.3928 (2)	13,422,161	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock	11/22/2010		S	114,656 (1)	D	\$ 29.5713	13,307,505	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 II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date		Number of		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

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. 11/23/2010 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 \$29.3928 per share, at prices ranging from \$29.26 to \$29.49 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 22, 2010, Goldman Sachs and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 13,307,505 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 \$29.5713 per share, at prices ranging from \$29.30 to \$29.69 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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