

Mercer Stuart W.
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Mercer Stuart W.

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)
48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD, SUITE 1790

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/22/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)	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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/22/2011		M	86,614 A \$ 17.5	255,523	D	
Common Stock	06/22/2011		S	86,614 D \$ 30.3 (1)	168,909	D	
Common Stock	06/23/2011		M	50,000 A \$ 17.5	218,909	D	
Common Stock	06/23/2011		S	50,000 D \$ 29.8	168,909	D	

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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Options	\$ 17.5	06/22/2011		M		86,614	11/15/2006 11/15/2015	Common Shares	86,614
Options	\$ 17.5	06/23/2011		M		50,000	11/15/2006 11/15/2015	Common Shares	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mercer Stuart W. 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD SUITE 1790 HAMILTON, D0 HM11			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Stuart W.
Mercer
06/24/2011
Date

**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).
- (1) These shares of common stock were sold at prices between \$30.18 and \$30.36. The reporting person will provide upon request by the SEC staff, the Issuer, or any security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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