#### **VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD**

Form 4

September 17, 2007

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
4 WORLD F	INANCIAL	CENTER	(Month/Day/Year) 09/13/2007	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
NEW YORK, NY 10080			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) 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 Shares	09/13/2007		S	100 (1)	` /	\$ 24.42	5,714,985 (2) (3)	I	See footnotes (2) (3)
Common Shares	09/13/2007		S	100 (1)	D	\$ 24.45	5,714,885 (2) (3)	I	See footnotes (2) (3)
Common Shares	09/13/2007		S	100 (1)	D	\$ 24.47	5,714,785 (2) (3)	I	See footnotes (2) (3)
Common Shares	09/13/2007		S	165 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 24.5	5,714,620 (2) (3)	I	See footnotes (2) (3)

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Common Shares	09/13/2007	S	95 (1)	D	\$ 24.52	5,714,525 (2) (3)	I	footnotes (2) (3)
Common Shares	09/13/2007	S	35 (1)	D	\$ 24.55	5,714,490 (2) (3)	I	See footnotes (2) (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 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	ction 8)	5. dNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC

4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER X

NEW YORK, NY 10080

## **Signatures**

Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. By: Frank Marinaro 09/17/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- The transactions reported on this Form reflect transactions executed by the error correction section of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & (1) Smith Incorporated ("MLPFS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co., Inc."), to correct errors made in connection with trades made on behalf of clients.
  - The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. In connection with all of the transactions reported on this Form, the Reporting Person has agreed to voluntarily remit appropriate profits, if
- (2) any, to Validus Holdings Ltd. The Reporting Person disclaims that the transactions reported on this Form are subject to reporting under Section 16(a) or disgorgement under Section 16(b), and this report shall not be deemed an admission that those sections apply to these transactions.
  - 4,285,714 shares are owned directly by ML Global Private Equity Fund, L.P. ("MLGPE"), a partnership of which MLGPE LTD. is the general partner, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML Global Private Equity Partners, L.P., the general partner of which is Merrill Lynch GP, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co., Inc.
- (3) Lynch Or, Inc., which is a wholly-owned substituty of Merrill Lynch Croup, Inc., which is a wholly-owned substituty of Merrill Lynch Ventures L.P. 2001, a partnership of which Merrill Lynch Ventures, L.L.C., is the general partner, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co., Inc.

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