

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Atkin C. N. Rupert (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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C/O VALIDUS HOLDINGS,
 LTD., Â SUITE 1790, 48
 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD
 (Street)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 CEO of Talbot Holdings Ltd.

HAMILTON
 HM11, Â D0 Â 00000
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	426,239	D	Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Atkin C. N. Rupert C/O VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD HAMILTON HM11, D0 00000	Â	Â	Â CEO of Talbot Holdings Ltd.	Â

Signatures

/s/ C.N. Rupert
Atkin

02/29/2008

**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).

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Remarks:

ExhibitÂ List

ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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