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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 * Singh Alok

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

(Check all applicable)

C/O VALIDUS RE, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD, SUITE 1790

(Street)

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

05/15/2012

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner _X__ Director Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify below) below) See Note (5) Below

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Shares	05/15/2012		S	217,274	D (1)	\$ 32.7917 (4)	1,632,591	I	See Note (5)		
Common Shares	05/15/2012		S	16,814	D (2)	\$ 32.7917 (4)	1,632,591	I	See Note (5)		
Common Shares	05/15/2012		S	3,821	D (3)	\$ 32.7917 (4)	1,632,591	I	See Note (5)		

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		4.	5.	6. Date Exer		7. Tit		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Secur	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Singh Alok

C/O VALIDUS RE 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD, SUITE 1790 HAMILTON, D0 HM11

X

See Note (5) Below

Signatures

/s/ Alok Singh 05/17/2012

**Signature of 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) The securities sold were directly owned by New Mountain Partners II (Cayman), L.P. Following the reported transaction, New Mountain Partners II (Cayman), L.P. directly owns 1,490,983 shares of common stock of the issuer.
- The securities sold were directly owned by Allegheny New Mountain Partners (Cayman), L.P. Following the reported transaction, Allegheny New Mountain Partners (Cayman), L.P. directly owns 115,387 shares of common stock of the issuer.
- (3) The securities sold were directly owned by New Mountain Affiliated Investors II (Cayman), L.P. Following the reported transaction, New Mountain Affiliated Investors II (Cayman), L.P. directly owns 26,221 shares of common stock of the issuer.

The price reported is a weighted average price. The prices actually ranged from \$32.75 to \$32.86. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.

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- NMI II (Cayman) GP, Ltd. is the general partner of New Mountain Investments II (Cayman), L.P., which is the general partner of each of New Mountain Partners II (Cayman), L.P., Allegheny New Mountain Partners (Cayman), L.P. and New Mountain Affiliated Investors II
- (5) (Cayman), L.P. (collectively, the "New Mountain Funds"). Alok Singh is a managing director of New Mountain Capital, L.L.C. Mr. Singh disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock owned by the New Mountain Funds, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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