VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
4 WORLD FIN	NANCIAL C	ENTER	(Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2007	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Cther (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NEW YORK, NY 10080				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)			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	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Shares	11/16/2007		P	100 (1)	A	\$ 25.88	5,714,385 (2) (3) (4)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (4) (5)	
Common Shares	11/16/2007		P	100 (1)	A	\$ 25.93	5,714,485 (2) (3) (6)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (5) (6)	
Common Shares	11/27/2007		S	200 (1)	D	\$ 25.2	5,714,285 (2) (3) (7)	I	See footnotes (2) (3) (5) (7)	

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	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC **4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER** NEW YORK, NY 10080

X

Signatures

Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. By: Frank Marinaro

12/04/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- 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.
- (3) 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

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Lynch GP, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co., Inc. 1,428,571 shares are owned directly by 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 Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.

- (4) 100 shares are owned directly by MLPFS.
- (5) The Reporting Person may be deemed a director by virtue of the fact that an employee of an affiliate of the Reporting Person serves as a director of the Issuer. ML&Co., Inc. disclaims its possible status as a director of the Issuer.
- (6) 200 shares are owned directly by MLPFS.
- (7) No shares are owned directly by MLPFS.

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