

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Carpenter Michael E.A. (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)  
 Chair. of Talbot Holdings Ltd.

HAMILTON  
 HM11, Â D0Â 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	303,453	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
Carpenter Michael E.A. C/O VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. SUITE 1790, 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD HAMILTON HM11, D0 00000	Å	Å	Å Chair. of Talbot Holdings Ltd.	Å

## Signatures

/s/ C. Jerome Dill, as Attorney-in-fact	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:**  
 ExhibitÅ List

ExhibitÅ 24Å -Å PowerÅ ofÅ Attorney

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