

Zeng Lixin
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FORM 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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 Zeng Lixin

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/14/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD [VR]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

C/O VALIDUS
HOLDINGS,Â 29 RICHMOND
RD.

(Street)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Pres, CEO Alpha Cat & Research

PEMBROKE,Â D0Â HM08

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 Stock

36,163

D

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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)	
Options	Â (1)	03/03/2018	Common Shares	24,707	\$ 24.84	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zeng Lixin C/O VALIDUS HOLDINGS 29 RICHMOND RD. PEMBROKE,Â D0Â HM08	Â	Â	Â Pres, CEO Alpha Cat & Research	Â

Signatures

/s/ Lixin Zeng 08/14/2012

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) These options are exercisable at any time prior to their expiration date

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