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Validus Holdings, Ltd. (Name of Issuer)

Common shares (Title of Class of Securities)

G9319H 10 2

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2007 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONSI.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Steven B. Klinsky

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) o

(b) o

- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 7,641,196.6*

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 7,641,196.6*

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,641,196.6*

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) **o**
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

10.2%*

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

^{*} Including 784,055.6 common shares upon exercise of warrants

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New Mountain Partners II (Cayman), L.P.

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(a) o

(b) o

- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

OWNED BY 6,978,399.5*

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 6,978,399.5*

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,978,399.5*

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) **o**
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

9.3%*

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

^{*} Including 716,031.5 common shares upon exercise of warrants

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Allegheny New Mountain Partners (Cayman), L.P.

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(a) o

(b) o

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Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 540,034.1*

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING (

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 540.034.1*

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

540,034.1*

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ${\bf o}$
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.7%*

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PΝ

^{*} Including 55,392.1 common shares upon exercise of warrants

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New Mountain Affiliated Investors II (Cayman), L.P.

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(a) o

(b) o

- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 122,763.0*

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 122,763.0*

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

122,763.0*

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ${\bf o}$

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.2%*

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

^{*} Including 12,632.0 common shares upon exercise of warrants

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New Mountain Investments II (Cayman), L.P.

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(a) o

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- 3 SEC USE ONLY
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Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

OWNED BY 7,641,196.6*

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 7,641,196.6*

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,641,196.6*

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- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

10.2%*

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

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NMI II (Cayman) GP, Ltd.

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Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF 5

SHARES