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VALIDUS DELIVERS REVISED AMALGAMATION AGREEMENT TO IPC
Validus Addresses IPC Concerns but Remains
Committed to Economic Terms of its Offer

Hamilton, Bermuda June 22, 2009 Validus Holdings, Ltd. (Validus) (NYSE: VR) today announced that it has delivered a revised Amalgamation Agreement to IPC Holdings, Ltd. (IPC) (NASDAQ: IPCR) that addresses concerns articulated by IPC in its press release dated June 15th. However, Validus will not be revising the economic terms of its offer, which Validus continues to believe provide full and fair value for IPC shares. In connection with the announcement, Validus issued the following statement:

We have offered a number of concessions to IPC to be responsive to their stated concerns, including allowing IPC's Board the right to perform a limited market check after the signing of an agreement with Validus, eliminating the book value termination right so that the closing will not be affected by catastrophe risk, and agreeing to an enhanced severance plan for IPC employees. However, none of the information that we have received from IPC would justify changing the economic terms of our offer.

By overwhelmingly rejecting the Max transaction, we believe that IPC's shareholders sent a strong message to the IPC Board that they want the attractive economics of the Validus offer. We urge IPC's Board to heed that message and agree to Validus' revised Amalgamation Agreement without delay.

While we believe that reaching a consensual amalgamation transaction would be in the best interests of IPC and its shareholders, Validus remains strongly committed to acquiring IPC and will continue to pursue alternative paths to complete a transaction, including our Exchange Offer and previously announced Scheme of Arrangement. In addition, we will proceed with our plan to replace the IPC Board at a special meeting of IPC shareholders in order to facilitate delivering the attractive economics of Validus' offer to IPC's shareholders.

Validus Offer

Under the terms of the Validus offer, IPC shareholders would receive \$3.75 in cash and 1.1234 Validus voting common shares for each IPC common share for a total consideration of \$27.26 per share based on Validus' closing stock price on June 22, 2009. The Validus offer provides a 24.9% premium based on IPC's and Validus' closing prices on March 30, 2009, the last trading day before the announcement of Validus' initial offer.

About Validus Holdings, Ltd.

Validus Holdings, Ltd. is a provider of reinsurance and insurance, conducting its operations worldwide through two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Validus Reinsurance, Ltd. (Validus Re) and Talbot Holdings Ltd. (Talbot). Validus Re is a Bermuda based reinsurer focused on short-tail lines of reinsurance. Talbot is

the Bermuda parent of the specialty insurance group primarily operating within the Lloyd's insurance market through Syndicate 1183.

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This press release may include forward-looking statements, both with respect to us and our industry, that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. All forward-looking statements address matters that involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control.

Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such statements and, therefore, you should not place undue reliance on any such statements. We believe that these factors include, but are not limited to, those set forth in the proxy statements and registration statement that Validus has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) relating to its proposed acquisition of IPC, and should be read in conjunction with the cautionary statements and risk factors included in our most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and the risk factors included in IPC's most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and other documents of Validus and IPC on file with the SEC. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

Additional Information about the Proposed Acquisition and Where to Find It:

Validus has filed an Exchange Offer to exchange each issued and outstanding common share of IPC for 1.1234 voting common shares of Validus and \$3.75 in cash. This press release is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an offer to exchange, or a solicitation of an offer to exchange, IPC common shares, nor is it a substitute for the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO or the preliminary prospectus/offer to exchange included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (including the letter of transmittal and related documents and as amended and supplemented from time to time, the Exchange Offer Documents) that Validus has filed or may file with the SEC. The Registration Statement has not yet become effective. The Exchange Offer will be made only through the Exchange Offer Documents.

This press release is not a substitute for the proxy statements that Validus has filed or may file with the SEC or any other documents which Validus may send to its or IPC's shareholders in connection with the proposed acquisition. Validus has sent a definitive proxy statement and a supplement to its shareholders seeking proxies to approve the issuance of Validus voting common shares in connection with the proposed transaction between IPC and Validus (the Validus Share Issuance Proxy Statement). Also, Validus has sent to certain IPC shareholders a definitive proxy statement to solicit requisitions from IPC's shareholders to compel IPC's board of directors to call a special meeting of its shareholders to, among other matters, remove and replace all of IPC's directors from their positions as directors of IPC (the

Requisition Proxy Statement). In addition, Validus has filed preliminary proxy statements with the SEC in connection with the Scheme of Arrangement (the Scheme of Arrangement Proxy Statements).

INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE EXCHANGE OFFER DOCUMENTS, THE VALIDUS SHARE ISSUANCE PROXY STATEMENT, THE REQUISITION PROXY STATEMENT, THE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT PROXY STATEMENTS AND ANY OTHER PROXY STATEMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO OR RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT VALIDUS HAS FILED OR MAY FILE WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION. All such documents, when filed, are available free of charge at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to Validus through Jon Levenson, Senior Vice President, at +1-441-278-9000.

Participants in the Solicitation:

Validus and certain of its executive officers and Validus nominees to the IPC board of directors are deemed to be participants in any solicitation of shareholders in connection with the proposed acquisition. Information about Validus executive officers is available in Validus proxy statement, dated March 25, 2009 for its 2009 annual general meeting of shareholders. Information about Validus nominees to the IPC board of directors is available in the definitive proxy statement filed by Validus on June 16, 2009 in connection with the solicitation of written requisitions from IPC shareholders.

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