

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
June 01, 2011

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

June 1, 2011

**Validus Holdings, Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-33606

(Commission  
File Number)

98-0501001

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

29 Richmond Road, Pembroke, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices)

HM08

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(441) 278-9000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 1, 2011, Validus Holdings, Ltd. issued a press release announcing the capitalization of a new special purpose "sidecar" reinsurer formed for the purpose of writing collateralized reinsurance and retrocessional reinsurance. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit No. 99.1: Press Release ("VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. ANNOUNCES SPECIAL PURPOSE "SIDECAR" REINSURER ALPHACAT RE 2011, LTD.") dated June 1, 2011.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Validus Holdings, Ltd.

*June 1, 2011*

By: */s/ Joseph E. (Jeff) Consolino*

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*Name: Joseph E. (Jeff) Consolino*  
*Title: President and Chief Financial Officer*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release ("VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. ANNOUNCES SPECIAL PURPOSE "SIDECAR" REINSURER ALPHACAT RE 2011, LTD.") dated June 1, 2011