

VALIDUS HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
May 04, 2012

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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):

May 2, 2012

**Validus Holdings, Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

001-33606

98-0501001

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

29 Richmond Road, Pembroke, Bermuda

HM08

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 2, 2012, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Validus Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company"), acting upon the recommendation of its Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, elected Mahmoud Abdallah to the Board. Mr. Abdallah has been elected as a Class III Director and as such will stand for re-election at the Company's 2013 annual general meeting of shareholders. Mr. Abdallah has been named to the Corporate Governance and Nominating, Finance and Risk Committees of the Board. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Abdallah and any other person pursuant to which he was selected to serve as a director. No information called for by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K is required to be disclosed herein.

The press release issued by the Company on May 4, 2012 announcing the election of Mr. Abdallah to the Board is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Press Release "VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF MAHMOUD ABDALLAH TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS" dated May 4, 2012.

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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.

May 4, 2012

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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Exhibit Index

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release ("VALIDUS HOLDINGS, LTD. ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF MAHMOUD ABDALLAH TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS") dated May 4, 2012