

GRIFFON CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRIFFON CORP [GFF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 WEST STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10282

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/10/2013		S	V 4,444,444 (2)	D \$ 11.25	5,572,643	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GS Direct, L.L.C. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282-2198		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	12/12/2013
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	12/12/2013
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	12/12/2013
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This statement is being filed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"), Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs") and GS Direct, L.L.C. ("GS Direct", and together with GS Group and Goldman Sachs, the "Reporting Persons").

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(2) On December 10, 2013, GS Direct sold 4,444,444 shares of common stock, par value \$0.25 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Griffon Corporation (the "Company") to the Company at a price of \$11.25 per share (the "Repurchase Transaction") pursuant to that certain Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2013, between GS Direct and the Company. The securities reported herein as indirectly sold were beneficially owned directly by GS Direct and may be deemed to have been indirectly owned by GS Group and Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs and GS Direct are wholly-owned subsidiaries of GS Group. Goldman Sachs is the manager of GS Direct. The Reporting Persons each disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein, if any.

(3) GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own, in the aggregate, 17,087 shares of Common Stock, consisting of 8,333 shares of Common Stock granted to Mr. Bradley J. Gross, a managing director of Goldman Sachs, in his capacity as a director of the Company pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), 5,000 shares of Common Stock granted to Gerald J. Cardinale, a former managing director of Goldman Sachs, pursuant to the Plan and 1,877 shares of Common Stock granted to each of Mr. Gross and Mr. Cardinale pursuant to the Company's Outside Director Stock Award Plan. Mr. Gross has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such securities for the benefit of GS Group.

(4) GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 5,555,556 shares of the Company's Common Stock beneficially owned directly by GS Direct following the Repurchase Transaction. The Reporting Persons each disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein, if any. Goldman Sachs has net open short positions of 310,572 shares of Common Stock.

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