

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/
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 *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/
[GS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/22/2005

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Executive VP - General Counsel

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET
(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/22/2005		S	2,200 D \$ 108.54	455,590	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/22/2005		S	4,700 D \$ 108.53	450,890	D	
	07/22/2005		S	3,000 D	447,890	D	

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman,
Attorney-in-fact

07/26/2005

__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) Held through trusts, the sole trustee of which is the Reporting Person's spouse and the sole beneficiaries of which are immediate family members of the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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