

VINIAR DAVID A
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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 *
VINIAR DAVID A

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)
12/15/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President - CFO

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/15/2006	A	56,942		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	56,
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 199.84	12/15/2006	A	153,184 (3)		(3)	11/25/2016	Common Stock	153

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VINIAR DAVID A C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004			Executive Vice President - CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman, Attorney-in-fact
Date: 12/19/2006

**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) The number of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") awarded to the Reporting Person was determined by dividing the dollar amount to be granted as RSUs by \$201.60 (the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on November 24, 2006, the last day of the Issuer's 2006 fiscal year).
- (2) Of these RSUs, 40% vested immediately upon grant, with the remaining 60% vesting on November 27, 2009. The shares of Common Stock underlying these RSUs will be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, in January 2010.
- (3) The value of each Stock Option, based on a binomial option valuation method, was \$49.96. Of these Stock Options, 40% vested immediately upon grant, with the remaining 60% vesting on November 27, 2009. The Stock Options become exercisable in January 2010, although the underlying shares are subject to transfer restrictions until January 2011.

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