

MESA AIR GROUP INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC			(Month/Day/Year)	MESA AIR GROUP INC [MESA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/11/2009		
85 BROAD ST			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		
NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10004			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, No Par Value	14,222,656	I	See footnote <u>(1)</u>

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004	^	^ X	^	^
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Treanor,  
Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 02/17/2009  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 02/17/2009  
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## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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") and Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs" and together with GS Group, the "Reporting Persons"). Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. Goldman Sachs beneficially owns directly and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 14,222,656 shares of common stock, no par value per share, of Mesa Air Group, Inc.

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