

BLANKFEIN LLOYD C
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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 *
BLANKFEIN LLOYD C

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)
01/05/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and COO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/05/2006		A	V 45,890 A \$1	1,421,590	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/05/2006		F	21,271 D \$126.465	1,400,319	D	
					200,000	I	

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share				See Footnote <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	200,000	I		See Footnote <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	113,511	I		See Footnote <u>(3)</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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/05/2006		M	V 45,890	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	45,890

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X		President and COO	

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Signatures

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

01/09/2006

__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) On January 5, 2006, 45,890 shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units became deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, and were delivered to the Reporting Person.
 - (2) As trustee of grantor retained annuity trust
 - (3) Held through a trust, 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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