COOPER EDITH W
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COOPER EDITH W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 200 WEST STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10282

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/23/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Global Head of HCM

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	08/23/2012		M[(1)]		11,780	A	$ 78.87	44,694	D	
Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	08/23/2012		S		11,780	D	$ 104.3502 [(2)]	32,914	D	
								19,660	I	

Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share											See footnote (3)

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 Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	$ 78.87	08/23/2012		M			11,780	01/02/2006	11/30/2012	Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share	11,7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COOPER EDITH W C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282			EVP, Global Head of HCM	

Signatures

/s/ Beverly L. O'Toole, Attorney-in-fact	08/24/2012
**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) Reflects the exercise by the Reporting Person of Stock Options granted in November 2002 and scheduled to expire in November 2012.

(2) Reflects a weighted average sale price of $104.3502 per share, at prices ranging from $104.1601 to $104.44 per share. The Reporting Person will provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(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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