GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH SARAH G			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) C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/22/2005				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Principal Accounting Officer			
(Street) NEW YORK,, NY 10004			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ies Acc	Person [uired, Disposed of	of, or Beneficial	llv Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executi any		3.	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ties Ac	quired of (D)	5. Amount of	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/22/2005			M	11,000	A	\$ 53	22,398	D	
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per share

Common

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar	
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 53	09/22/2005		M	11,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/07/2009	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	11,00	
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Other

Director 10% Owner Officer

SMITH SARAH G C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. **85 BROAD STREET** NEW YORK,, NY 10004

Principal Accounting Officer

2 Reporting Owners

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Signatures

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

09/26/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) These Stock Options became exercisable in equal installments on each of June 21, 2002, June 26, 2003 and June 23, 2004.

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