FRIEDMAN STEPHEN

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FRIEDMAN STEPHEN

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Symbol

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

(Check all applicable)

[GS]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2006

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Reported Transaction(s)

or

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Transactionof

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Underlying Securities Deriva

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		, , ,		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Securit (Instr. :
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2006		A	385		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	385	<u>(1)</u>

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FRIEDMAN STEPHEN C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. **85 BROAD STREET** NEW YORK,, NY 10004

Signatures

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

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).
- These Restricted Stock Units vested immediately upon grant and the shares of Common Stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units (1) will be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, on the last business day in May in the year following the year of the retirement of the Reporting Person from the Issuer's Board of Directors.

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