GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON JAMES A /DC/

(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]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/19/2007

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

(Instr. 4)

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

(State) (Zip) (City)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/19/2007		A	458	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	458
Nonqualified Stock options	\$ 204.16	12/19/2007		A	11,600	(2)	11/24/2017	Common Stock	11,60

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
JOHNSON JAMES A /DC/ C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004	X					

Signatures

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

12/21/2007

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) These Restricted Stock Units will convert into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock 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.
- These Stock Options become exercisable on the earlier of (i) the date the Reporting Person ceases to be a director of the Issuer and (ii)

 (2) January 2011, although for so long as the Reporting Person remains a director of the Issuer, the Common Stock underlying any exercised
- (2) January 2011, although for so long as the Reporting Person remains a director of the Issuer, the Common Stock underlying any exercised Stock Option cannot be transferred before January 2013.

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