VINIAR DAVID A Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VINIAR DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

[GS]

(Check all applicable)

Executive Vice President - CFO

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2007

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Following

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

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(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.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Conversion

7. Title and Amour

Underlying Securit

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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 of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Numl Share
Year-End Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/19/2007		A	94,582	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	94,
DSP Base Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/19/2007		A	9,797	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	9,7
DSP Discount Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	12/19/2007		A	3,266	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,2
Year-End Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 204.16	12/19/2007		A	270,380 (4)	<u>(4)</u>	11/24/2017	Common Stock	270

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VINIAR DAVID A C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004

Executive Vice President - CFO

Signatures

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

**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) These year-end Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") will convert into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock in January 2011.
- These Discount Stock Program Base RSUs were purchased by the Reporting Person at the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the grant date under the Issuer's Discount Stock Program, which allows eligible employees to acquire a limited number of RSUs at an effective 25% discount. In January 2008, these RSUs convert to Common Stock that generally cannot be transferred before January 2011.
- (3) These Discount Stock Program Discount RSUs were granted at no additional cost to effect the discount described in footnote (2). These RSUs generally convert to Common Stock in January 2011.

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The value of each Stock Option for financial reporting purposes was \$51.04. The Stock Options become exercisable in January 2011; if the Stock Options are exercised, the underlying Common Stock cannot be transferred before January 2013. The 2007 year-end RSUs and Options described in footnotes (1) and (4) above represent 60% of the compensation approved by the Issuer's Board for the Reporting Person.

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