

PAULSON HENRY M JR
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAULSON HENRY M JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board and CEO

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

(Street)

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

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

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/13/2005		A		224,777 (1) (2)	A	(2) 3,982,408 D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/13/2005		F		89,910	D	(3) 3,892,498 D

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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 131.64	12/13/2005		A	220,392 (4)	(4) 11/27/2015	Common Stock	220	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAULSON HENRY M JR C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman,
Attorney-in-fact
Date: 12/15/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The shares, together with the Stock Options described in Table II, represent the Reporting Person's entire compensation other than base salary for the Issuer's 2005 fiscal year, as he is not receiving any cash bonus. The Reporting Person was the highest paid executive officer of the Issuer for the Issuer's 2005 fiscal year.

The number of shares awarded to the Reporting Person was determined by dividing \$30,147,000 by \$134.12 (the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") on November 25, 2005, the last day of the Issuer's 2005 fiscal year).

(2) Of these shares, 89,910 vested immediately upon grant and were withheld for tax purposes, with the remaining 134,867 vesting on November 28, 2008; the unvested shares are subject to restrictions on transfer and will generally be transferable, without the payment of any consideration, in January 2009.

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The shares that were withheld for tax purposes were withheld at a value of \$130.20, the average of the high and low prices of the Issuer's Common Stock on the NYSE on the date of grant.

- The value of each Stock Option, based on a binomial option valuation method, was \$32.91. Of these Stock Options, 40% vested
- (4) immediately upon grant, with the remaining 60% vesting on November 28, 2008. The Stock Options become exercisable in January 2009, although the underlying shares are subject to transfer restrictions until January 2010.

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