

INPHONIC INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/			(Month/Day/Year)	INPHONIC INC [INPC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/13/2006		
85 BROAD ST			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10004			___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner		___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	___ Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below)		___X___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	5,012,742	I	See footnote <u>(1)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004	^	^ X	^	^
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kotic,
Attorney-in-fact
07/24/2006
Date

Signature of Reporting Person

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Attorney-in-fact
07/24/2006
Date

Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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