

COHEN ALAN M
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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 *
COHEN ALAN M

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Global Head of Compliance

NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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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)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Year-End Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/17/2008	A		7,453		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	7,453
Year-End Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 78.78	12/17/2008	A		55,364 (2)		(2)	12/31/2018	Common Stock	55,364

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COHEN ALAN M C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004			EVP, Global Head of Compliance	

Signatures

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

12/19/2008

**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).
- One-third of these year-end Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") will convert into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock in each of January
- (1) 2010, January 2011 and January 2012. 1,539 of the shares of Common Stock underlying these RSUs cannot be transferred before January 2014.
 - (2) One-third of these Stock Options become exercisable in each of January 2010, January 2011 and January 2012; if the Stock Options are exercised, the underlying shares of Common Stock cannot be transferred before January 2014.

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