

AEROFLEX HOLDING CORP.
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FORM 4

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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 *
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AEROFLEX HOLDING CORP.
[ARX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 WEST STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/18/2011

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10282

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	08/18/2011		P	5,000 A	\$ 8.245	12,769,010	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock	08/18/2011		S	5,000 D	\$ 8.3469	12,764,010	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GS Direct, L.L.C. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		

Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	08/22/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	08/22/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	08/22/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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