

BLANKFEIN LLOYD C

Form 4

December 20, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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 GROUP
INC, 85 BROAD STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2005

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below) President and COO

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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 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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/16/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	V 200,000	D ₍₁₎ \$ 0 1,375,700	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share					200,000	I	See footnote (2)
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per share

Common
Stock, par
value \$0.01
per share

113,511 I

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footnote
(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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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
BLANKFEIN LLOYD C C/O GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	X President and COO

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman,
Attorney-in-fact 12/20/2005

__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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- On December 16, 2005, the Reporting Person donated 200,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock to a grantor retained annuity trust of
- (1) which the Reporting Person is the sole trustee and the sole beneficiary. This donation was exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-13 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
 - (2) As trustee of grantor retained annuity trust.
 - (3) Held through a trust, the sole trustee of which is the Reporting Person's spouse and the sole beneficiaries of which are immediate family members of the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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