LIDDY EDWARD M

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

LIDDY EDWARD M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

[GS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

12/13/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. Code (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr 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)	of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/13/2005		A	3,573	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	3,573	Q

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LIDDY EDWARD M C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004

X

Signatures

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

12/15/2005

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

These Restricted Stock Units vested immediately upon grant and the shares of Common Stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units (1) will be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, on the last business day in May in the year following the year of the retirement of the Reporting Person from the Issuer's Board of Directors.

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