SMITH SARAH G Form 4

December 15, 2005

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

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SMITH SARAH G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Month/Day/Year)

12/13/2005

Symbol

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

[GS]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

(State) (Zip) (City)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

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

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Security

(Instr. 3)

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Principal Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(I)

(Instr. 4)

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Issuer

below)

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

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Owned

Beneficially

Director

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	3)	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	Amour or Number of Shar
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/13/2005		A		9,191		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	9,19
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 131.64	12/13/2005		A		24,400 (2)		(2)	11/27/2015	Common Stock	24,40

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITH SARAH G C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK., NY 10004

Principal Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman, Attorney-in-fact 12/15/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Of these Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs"), 40% vested immediately upon grant, with the remaining 60% vesting on November 28, 2008. The shares of Common Stock underlying these RSUs will be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, in January 2009.
- The value of each Stock Option, based on a binomial option valuation method, was \$32.91. Of these Stock Options, 40% vested immediately upon grant, with the remaining 60% vesting on November 28, 2008. The Stock Options become exercisable in January 2009, although the underlying shares are subject to transfer restrictions until January 2010.

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