

BLANKFEIN LLOYD C
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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 *
BLANKFEIN LLOYD C

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)
01/13/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board and CEO

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 (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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		M		80,559	A	1,722,814
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		F(2)		36,831	D(2)	\$ 76.295
							309,852
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Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.01 per
share

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footnote
(3)

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/13/2009		M	80,559	(1) (1)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	80,559

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLANKFEIN LLOYD C C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO	

Signatures

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

01/15/2009

**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).
- (1) On January 13, 2009, shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying Restricted Stock Units that were awarded in connection with fiscal 2005 compensation were delivered to the Reporting Person without the payment of any consideration.
- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the delivery of the common stock underlying the Restricted Stock Units described in footnote 1 above.
- (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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