

SMITH SARAH G
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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 *
SMITH SARAH G

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
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
Principal Accounting Officer

NEW YORK, NY 10004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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		18,705	A	11 27,885
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		F(2)		7,777	D (2)	\$ 76.295 20,108

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	01/13/2009		M	18,705	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	18,705

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

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 compensation for years prior to 2008 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.

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