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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/			Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			Lazard Ltd [LAZ] (Check all applicable					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					
			(Month/Day/Year)	DirectorX 10% Owner				
85 BROAD ST,			05/11/2005	Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
NEW YORK, NY 10004			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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)	
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		Code V	Amount 4,200	(D)	Price \$ 23.1	5,461,200	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		S	2,200	D	\$ 23.08	5,459,000	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		S	600	D	\$ 23.09	5,458,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		S	4,600	D	\$ 23.08	5,453,800	I	See Footnote (1)

Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	12,500	D	\$ 23.1	5,441,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 23.11	5,440,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	6,300	D	\$ 23.1	5,434,000	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	26,200	D	\$ 23.12	5,407,800	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	50,000	D	\$ 23.13	5,357,800	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	5,900	D	\$ 23.12	5,351,900	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 23.1	5,350,500	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	100	D	\$ 23.09	5,350,400	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	3,900	D	\$ 23.06	5,346,500	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	3,100	D	\$ 23.12	5,343,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	500	D	\$ 23.15	5,342,900	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	3,500	D	\$ 23.14	5,339,400	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	25,000	D	\$ 23.12	5,314,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	16,000	D	\$ 23.14	5,298,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common	05/11/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 23.17	5,293,400	I	See Footnote

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Stock								<u>(1)</u>
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	50,000	D	\$ 23.15	5,243,400	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	200	D	\$ 23.17	5,243,200	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	500	D	\$ 23.18	5,242,700	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	400	D	\$ 23.21	5,242,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	700	D	\$ 23.18	5,241,600	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	300	D	\$ 23.17	5,241,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	500	D	\$ 23.18	5,240,800	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	700	D	\$ 23.17	5,240,100	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	24,000	D	\$ 23.18	5,216,100	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	200	D	\$ 23.19	5,215,900	I	See Footnote
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	400	D	\$ 23.2	5,215,500	I	See Footnote

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/ Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Yea	ar)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Ex Exercisable Da	•	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004		X					
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD ST C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO NEW YORK, NY 10004		X					

Signatures

/s/ Ted Chang, Attorney-in-Fact 05/23/2005

**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).

The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were beneficially owned directly by Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman (1) Sachs"). Without admitting any legal obligation, Goldman Sachs will remit appropriate profits, if any, to the Issuer. Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

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