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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC [GS] À SHERWOOD MICHAEL S. (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & (Check all applicable) CO., Â 85 BROAD STREET (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Vice Chairman Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10004 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) I Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share See footnote (1) 135,164 Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share I See footnote (2) 58,850 Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 7,302 I See footnote (3)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership

(Month/Day/Year)

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			Derivative Se (Instr. 4)	ecurity	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	(4)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	255,245	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	(5)	(5)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	1,003,902	\$ <u>(5)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SHERWOOD MICHAEL S. C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â	Vice Chairman	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman, Attorney-in-fact 03/10/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Held by spouse.
- Reported for informational purposes only. Held through a trust over which the Reporting Person has no investment control and the sole (2) trustee of which is a third-party institution. In accordance with Rule 16a-8, the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Held through a trust, the sole trustees of which are the Reporting Person and his spouse and the sole beneficiaries of which are the Reporting Person and his immediate family members.
- (4) These Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") are vested and shares underlying these RSUs will generally become deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, on dates ranging from January 2009 to January 2011.
- The exercise prices for the Stock Options range from \$78.87 to \$204.16, with varying expiration dates from November 26, 2010 to (5) November 24, 2017. All of these Stock Options are vested and all are exercisable or will become exercisable on dates ranging from January 2009 to January 2011.

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