GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

Form 4

January 02, 2008

FORM 4

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Check this box if no longer

subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

BLANKFEIN LLOYD C

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ [GS]				NC/	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS &				(Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2007					below) below) Chairman of the Board and CEO		
CO., 85 BR		12.27,2007					Chairman of the Board and CEO				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
NEW YORI	Filed(Mon	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
NEW YORK,, NY 10004 — Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			n-Do	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o		-
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.	4. Securities Acquired action(A) or Disposed of (D) 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially (D) or Benefic Owned Indirect (I) Owner				
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$ 0.01 per share	12/17/2007			<u>J(1)</u>	V	71,382	A (1)	\$0	1,482,683	D	
Common Stock, par value \$ 0.01 per share	12/17/2007			J(2)	V	66,533	A (2)	\$ 0	262,409	I	See footnote (2)
	12/28/2007			G	V	2,400	D	\$0	1,480,283	D	

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Common Stock, par value \$ 0.01 per

share

Common Stock, par value \$

0.01 per share

133,118

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footnote (3)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivativ	e		Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	S		(Instr	. 3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
	·				(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
					, ,					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number	
								C	of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

reporting o where runner, readered				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLANKFEIN LLOYD C C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.	Y		Chairman of the Board and	
85 RROAD STREET	Λ		the Board and	

Signatures

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

/s/ Roger S. Begelman, Attorney-in-fact 01/02/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reporting Owners 2

Relationships

CEO

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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) Reflects the distribution of 71,382 shares of the Issuer's common stock from a grantor retained annuity trust to the Reporting Person. This distribution was exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-13 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act").
- Reflects the distribution of 66,533 shares of the Issuer's common stock from a grantor retained annuity trust to 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. This distribution was exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-13 under the Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares. This grantor retained annuity trust is no longer a beneficial owner of the Issuer's common stock.
- (3) As trustee of grantor retained annuity trust.

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