STEEL ROBERT K Form 4 December 17, 2002

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

> > FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Steel	Robert	К.	
(Last) c/o Goldman, Sachs & Co. 85 Broad Street	(First)	(Middle)	
	(Street)		
New York,	New York	10004	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or T	cading Symbol		
The Goldman Sachs Group, In (GS)	nc.		
3. I.R.S. Identification Number	c of Reporting Per	son, if an entity (vo	luntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Yea:			
December 13, 2002			
5. If Amendment, Date of Origin	nal (Month/Day/Yea	r)	
6. Relationship of Reporting Performance (Check all applicable)	erson(s) to Issuer		
[] Director [X] Officer (give title		[] 10% Owner [] Other (specif	y below)
Vice Cl	nairman of the Cor	poration	
7. Individual or Joint/Group F	iling (Check Appli	cable Line)	

[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person

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[] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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		 2.		 2A. Deemed n Execution	Transa		4. . Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) : (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				
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Restricted		I						 Common S	 Stock		
Stock Units		12/13/02	I	A 23,356	5	(1)	(±)	Common	DECERT	23,35	
Nonqualified Stock options (right to buy)	 	 	 	A 23,356 A 70,068	 	(1) (2)	 11/30/12	 	 	, 	

Explanation of Responses:

(1): These Restricted Stock Units vested 25% immediately upon grant, with the remaining 75% vesting on November 25, 2005, and the shares of Common Stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units will generally be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, in January 2006.

(2): These Stock Options vested 25% immediately upon grant, with the remaining 75% vesting on November 25, 2005. These Stock Options become exercisable in January 2006 and expire on November 30, 2012.

By: /s/ Roger S. Begelman

December 17, 2002

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person Attorney-in-fact

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

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