PALM GREGORY K

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PALM GREGORY K | | | 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 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2004 | | | | | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive VP - General Counsel | | | |
| NEW YOR | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secu | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of | | 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) | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 10/22/2004 | | | S | 75,000 | D | \$ 92.6691 | 1,033,862 | D | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 110,018 | I | See footnote (1) | |
| | | | | | | | | 13,904 | I | | |

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Common See
Stock, par
value
\$0.01 per

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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. Transa Code (Instr. | | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PALM GREGORY K C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004

Executive VP - General Counsel

Signatures

share

/s/ Roger S. Begelman, Attorney-in-fact

**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) As trustee of grantor retained annuity trust.

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