PAULSON HENRY M JR

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

PAULSON HENRY M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

[GS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/14/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Chairman of the Board and CEO

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below)

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET

> (Street) 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

Security (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(2)	12/14/2004		A		278,043		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	278,043 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationsnips							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PAULSON HENRY M JR C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO					

Signatures

/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).
- These Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") represent the Reporting Person's entire bonus for the Issuer's 2004 fiscal year, as he is not receiving any cash bonus. The Reporting Person was the highest paid executive officer of the Issuer for the Issuer's 2004 fiscal year.
- The number of RSUs awarded to the Reporting Person was determined by dividing the dollar amount to be granted as a bonus by \$104.84 (2) (the closing price-per-share of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on November 26, 2004, the last day of the Issuer's 2004 fiscal year).
- (3) Of these RSUs, 40% vested upon grant, with the remaining 60% vesting on November 30, 2007. The shares of Common Stock underlying these RSUs will be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, in or about January 2008.

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