

VINIAR DAVID A

Form 4

January 15, 2009

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

VINIAR DAVID A

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/13/2009

____ Director

____X____ Officer (give title below)

____ 10% Owner

____ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President - CFO

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

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		M	49,803 A	814,764	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		F(2)	19,862 D (2)	\$ 76.295 794,902	D	
					123,186	I	

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share							See footnote (3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share				4,000	I		See footnote (4)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/13/2009		M	49,803	(1)	(1)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	49,803

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
VINIAR DAVID A C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Executive Vice President - CFO

Signatures

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

01/15/2009

__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) On January 13, 2009, shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying Restricted Stock Units that were awarded in connection with fiscal 2005 compensation were delivered to the Reporting Person without the payment of any consideration.
- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the delivery of the common stock underlying the Restricted Stock Units described in footnote 1 above.
- (3) Held through a limited liability company.
- (4) Held through trusts, 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. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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