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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KENNEDY KEVIN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol **GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/**

[GS]

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year)

01/05/2006

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Exec. VP - Human Capital Mgmt.

C/O GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC, 85 BROAD STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative Securities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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) onor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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	01/05/2006		A V	9,191 А <u>ш</u>	777,742	D	

Common

share

Stock, par value 01/05/2006 F 4,261 773,481 D 126,465 \$0.01 per

share

S 01/06/2006 600 \$ 128.95 772,881 D

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	500	D	\$ 128.93 772,381	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	6,100	D	\$ 128.91 766,281	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 128.89 765,081	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	2,200	D	\$ 128.88 762,881	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	300	D	\$ 128.86 762,581	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 128.85 760,981	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 128.83 759,881	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	3,900	D	\$ 128.8 755,981	D
	01/06/2006	S	3,500	D	\$ 128.79 752,481	D

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share							
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 128.77 75	50,881	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/06/2006	S	2,400	D	\$ 128.75 74	48,481	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/09/2006	S	3,500	D	\$ 129.35 74	44,981	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/09/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 129.33 73	39,981	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/09/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 129.3 73	34,981	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/09/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 129.27 73	33,481	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/09/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 129.25 73	32,481	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/09/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 129.22 73	30,481	D
	01/09/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 129.18 72	25,481	D

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/09/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 129.15	723,481	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						12,000	I	See Footnote
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						6,000	I	See Footnote (3)

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8		5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		nd 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/05/2006		М	V		9,191	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	9,191	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KENNEDY KEVIN W C/O GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004

Exec. VP - Human Capital Mgmt.

Signatures

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

01/09/2006

**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 5, 2006, 9,191 shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units became deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, and were delivered to the Reporting Person.
- (2) Held by spouse.
- (3) Held through 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. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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