

GRIFFON CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gross Bradley J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 200 WEST STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10282

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRIFFON CORP [GFF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/29-05:00/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

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**

| 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/29-05:00/2015                     |  | A                              | 3,700<br>(2)  | A \$ 0 5,579,676  | I  | See footnotes (1) (3) (4)                             |

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)**

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

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## Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kusic, Attorney-in-fact 02/02-05:00/2015

\*\*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).
- The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.
- (1) On January 29, 2015, 3,700 shares of common stock, par value \$0.25 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Griffon Corporation (the "Company") were granted to the Reporting Person in his capacity as a director of the Company pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The grant of 3,700 shares vests one third on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date, which was January 29, 2015.
- (2) GS Group beneficially owns directly 6,877 shares of Common Stock. GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own 17,243 shares of Common Stock, consisting of 15,366 shares of Common Stock granted to the Reporting Person in his capacity as a director of the Company pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan and 1,877 shares of Common Stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Company's Outside Director Stock Award Plan. The Reporting Person has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such securities for the benefit of GS Group.
- (3) GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 5,555,556 shares of the Company's Common Stock, beneficially owned directly by GS Direct, L.L.C. ("GS Direct"). Goldman Sachs and GS Direct are wholly-owned subsidiaries of GS Group. Goldman Sachs is the manager of GS Direct. GS Group, Goldman Sachs and GS Direct each disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein, if any. Goldman Sachs has net open short positions of 310,572 shares of Common Stock.
- (4)

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