STECHER ESTA E

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

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STECHER ESTA E

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC

[GS]

(Check all applicable)

Executive VP - General Counsel

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

08/11/2010

_X__ Officer (give title below)

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

NEW YORK,, NY 10282

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	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. Securit onDisposed (Instr. 3,	of (D))	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	08/11/2010		M(1)	22,890		\$ 82.875	270,676	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/11/2010		S	14,378	D	\$ 149.4951 (2)	256,298	D	
	08/11/2010		S	3,671	D		252,627	D	

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share					\$ 150.4238 (3)		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/11/2010	S	4,409	D	\$ 151.2038 (4)	248,218	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/11/2010	S	432	D	\$ 151.9929 (5)	247,786	D

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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 82.875	08/11/2010		M		22,890	01/02/2004	11/26/2010	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	22,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Executive VP - General Counsel

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STECHER ESTA E C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK., NY 10282

Signatures

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

08/13/2010

**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) Reflects the exercise by the Reporting Person of Stock Options granted in November 2000 and scheduled to expire in November 2010.
- Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$149.4951 per share, at prices ranging from \$148.97 to \$149.96 per share. The Reporting Person (2) will provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$150.4238 per share, at prices ranging from \$149.97 to \$150.95 per share. The Reporting Person (3) will provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$151.2038 per share, at prices ranging from \$150.97 to \$151.72 per share. The Reporting Person (4) will provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$151.9929 per share, at prices ranging from \$151.97 to \$152.00 per share. The Reporting Person will provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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