

Cobalt International Energy, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Cobalt International Energy, Inc. [CIE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 200 WEST STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/29/2012

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

NEW YORK, NY 10282

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/29/2012		S		11,908,050 (2)	D	\$ 27.16 (2)
					62,960,098 (3)	I	

See footnotes (1) (2) (3)

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 Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GSCP V Cobalt Holdings, LLC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GSCP VI Cobalt Holdings, LLC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GSCP V Offshore Cobalt Holdings, LLC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GSCP VI Offshore Cobalt Holdings, LLC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GSCP V GmbH Cobalt Holdings, LLC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GSCP VI GmbH Cobalt Holdings, LLC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GSCP V Offshore Cobalt Holdings, L.P. 200 WEST STREET		X		

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GSCP VI Offshore Cobalt Holdings, L.P.

200 WEST STREET

NEW YORK, NY 10282

X

## Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	03/02/2012
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, Goldman Sachs & Co.	03/02/2012
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP V Cobalt Holdings, LLC	03/02/2012
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP VI Cobalt Holdings, LLC	03/02/2012
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP V Offshore Cobalt Holdings, LLC	03/02/2012
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/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP VI Offshore Cobalt Holdings, LLC	03/02/2012
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP V GmbH Cobalt Holdings, LLC	03/02/2012
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/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP VI GmbH Cobalt Holdings, LLC	03/02/2012
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP V Offshore Cobalt Holdings, L.P.	03/02/2012
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Yvette Kotic, Attorney-in-fact, GSCP VI Offshore Cobalt Holdings, L.P.	03/02/2012
__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) For text of Footnote 1, see Exhibit 99.1.

(2) For text of Footnote 2, see Exhibit 99.1.

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(3) For text of Footnote 3, see Exhibit 99.1.

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