

COOPER EDITH W
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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 *
COOPER EDITH W

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., 200 WEST STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/23/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Global Head of HCM

NEW YORK, NY 10282

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 per share | 08/23/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 11,780 | A | \$ 78.87 |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/23/2012 | | S | | 11,780 | D | \$ 104.3502 ⁽²⁾ |
| | | | | | | | 19,660 |
| | | | | | | | I |

Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.01 per
share

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footnote
(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)

| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 78.87 | 08/23/2012 | | M | 11,780 | 01/02/2006 11/30/2012 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 11,780 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COOPER EDITH W C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282 | | | EVP, Global Head of HCM | |

Signatures

/s/ Beverly L. O'Toole,
Attorney-in-fact

08/24/2012

**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) Reflects the exercise by the Reporting Person of Stock Options granted in November 2002 and scheduled to expire in November 2012.
Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$104.3502 per share, at prices ranging from \$104.1601 to \$104.44 per share. The Reporting
- (2) 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.
- (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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