SIMMONS RUTH J

Form 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

SIMMONS RUTH J

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ [GS]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/13/2005

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

(A)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(State)

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/13/2005		A	3,573		<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	3,573	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SIMMONS RUTH J C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004

X

Signatures

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

12/15/2005

**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).

These Restricted Stock Units vested immediately upon grant and the shares of Common Stock underlying these Restricted Stock Units (1) will be deliverable, without the payment of any consideration, on the last business day in May in the year following the year of the retirement of the Reporting Person from the Issuer's Board of Directors.

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