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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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7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

See Instruction

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

GRIFFON CORP [GFF]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/31-05:00/2018 Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

> 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

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

Ownership

Indirect (I)

(D) or

Form: Direct

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10282

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date

(State)

(Zip)

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

2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 4)

Common 01/31-05:00/2018 Stock

4,489 \$0 5,591,565 Α Α (2)

(A)

or

(D)

Price

Amount

See I 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)

Code V

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate Amou		nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gross Bradley J. C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282

Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kosic, Attorney-in-fact

02/02-05:00/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

299,436 shares of Common Stock.

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. LLC ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a 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.
- On January 31, 2018, 4,489, 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 2016 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The grant of 4,489 shares vests one third on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date, which was January 31, 2018.
- GS Group beneficially owns directly 6,877 shares of Common Stock. GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own 29,132 shares of Common Stock granted to the Reporting Person in his capacity as a director of the Company, consisting of 11,889 shares of Common Stock granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Plan, 15,366 shares of Common Stock granted to the Reporting Person 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.
- 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 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

Reporting Owners 2

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