

HEXCEL CORP /DE/
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FORM 4

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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
HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
85 BROAD ST
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/06/2005

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

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/06/2005		P		200 \$ 17.31	7,180	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4)
Common Stock	10/14/2005		S		200 \$ 16.05	6,980	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (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)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004		X		
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004		X		

Signatures

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

10/18/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

10/18/2005

**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).

(1) This statement is being filed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group") and Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs", and together with GS Group, the "Reporting Persons").

The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were beneficially owned directly by Goldman Sachs Execution &

(2) Clearing, L.P. ("GSEC"). GSEC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. Without admitting any legal obligation, Goldman Sachs or an affiliate will remit appropriate profits, if any, to Hexcel Corporation (the "Company").

(3) Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own directly and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 720 shares of Common Stock. GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 74 shares of Common Stock by reason of the beneficial ownership of such shares by certain investment partnerships and limited liability companies of which Goldman Sachs or

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affiliates of Goldman Sachs and GS Group are the general partner, managing general partner, managing partner, managing member, member, manager or investment manager ("Investing Entities").

- In addition, GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own 6,186 shares of Common Stock which were granted pursuant to the Hexcel
- (4) Corporation 2003 Incentive Stock Plan, consisting of 3,093 shares of phantom stock granted to each of Peter M. Sacerdote, an advisory director of Goldman Sachs and Sanjeev K. Mehra, a managing director of Goldman Sachs, in their capacity as directors of the Company.

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