### GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

Form 4

\$0.01 per share

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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
BROWNE LORD OF S				r Name <b>and</b> MAN SAO				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
	(First) (	Middle)	[GS]								
(Last)  C/O GOLD  CO., 85 BR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2004					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
				f Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	) Perivative	Secui	rities Acaı	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	v Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ned Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ties Ac spose 4 and (A) or	cquired d of (D)	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	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/20/2004			M	6,000	A	\$ 82.875	6,535	D		
Common Stock, par value	12/20/2004			F	5,141	D	\$	1,394	D		

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date any (Month/Day/Y		4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 82.875	12/20/2004		M	6,000	01/02/2004	11/26/2010	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	6,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWNE LORD OF MADINGLEY C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004



## **Signatures**

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

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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