

GRIFFON CORP
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 WEST STREET
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10282

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GRIFFON CORP [GFF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/30-05:00/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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. 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 or Price					
Common Stock	01/30-05:00/2013		A		3,333 (2)	A	\$ 0	10,017,087	I	See 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)

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On January 30, 2013, 3,333 shares of common stock, par value \$0.25 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Griffon Corporation (the "Company") were granted to Bradley J. Gross, a managing director of Goldman Sachs, in his capacity as a director of the Company pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The grant of 3,333 shares vests one third on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date, which was January 30, 2013.

- (3) GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own, in the aggregate, 17,087 shares of Common Stock, consisting of 8,333 shares of Common Stock granted to Bradley J. Gross pursuant to the Plan, 5,000 shares of Common Stock granted to Gerald J. Cardinale, a former managing director of Goldman Sachs, pursuant to the Plan and 1,877 shares of Common Stock granted to each of Bradley J. Gross and Gerald J. Cardinale pursuant to the Company's Outside Director Stock Award Plan. Messrs. Cardinale and Gross each has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such securities for the benefit of GS Group. Each of Goldman Sachs and GS Group disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

- (4) GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 10,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, beneficially owned directly by GS Direct. Goldman Sachs and GS Direct are wholly-owned subsidiaries of GS Group. Goldman Sachs is the manager of GS Direct. The Reporting Persons 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 310,572 shares of Common Stock.

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