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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CARELLA THOMAS J.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KAR Auction Services, Inc. [KAR]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/10/2009	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET				(Check all applicable)			
	(Street)			X_Director10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	lon-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Sto	ock		27,081,830)	Ι	See f	Footnotes (1) (2)
Reminder: Repo owned directly o			ach class of securities benefic	ially S	EC 1473 (7-02)	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
CARELLA THOMAS J. C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures					
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	12/10/2009				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date			
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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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(1) 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.

GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 27,081,830 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of KAR Auction Services, Inc., by reason of the indirect beneficial ownership of such shares by certain limited partnerships (the "Limited Partnerships"). The Limited Partnerships may be deemed to beneficially own

(2) indirectly 27,081,830 shares of Common Stock by reason of the direct beneficial ownership of such shares by KAR Holdings II, LLC. The common interests of KAR Holdings II, LLC are held by a private investor group, which includes the Limited Partnerships. Goldman Sachs is the investment manager of the Limited Partnerships. Affiliates of Goldman Sachs and GS Group are the general partner, managing limited partner or managing partner of the Limited Partnerships.

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