

ACCEPTANCE INSURANCE COMPANIES INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/			(Month/Day/Year)	ACCEPTANCE INSURANCE COMPANIES INC [AICIQ]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/08/2007		
85 BROAD ST			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10004			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,900,000	I	See footnote <u>(1)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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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 STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

/s/ Andrea Louro DeMar,
Attorney-in-fact
10/17/2007
Date

Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Andrea Louro DeMar,
Attorney-in-fact
10/17/2007
Date

Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 are beneficially owned directly by Goldman Sachs and may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Group. Goldman Sachs is a direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group.

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