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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>200 WEST STREET</b>  (Street) <b>NEW YORK NY 10282</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>GRIFFON CORP [ GFF ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/31/2012</b>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/31/2012		A		5,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0	10,013,754	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(3)(4)</sup>

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
**GOLDMAN SACHS & CO**  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**200 WEST STREET**  
 (Street)  
**NEW YORK NY 10282**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

GS Direct, L.L.C.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 WEST STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK NY 10282

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. This statement is being filed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"), Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs") and GS Direct, L.L.C. ("GS Direct", and together with GS Group and Goldman Sachs, the "Reporting Persons").
2. On January 31, 2012, in the aggregate, 5,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.25 per share (the "Common Stock") of Griffon Corporation (the "Company") were granted as 2,500 shares of Common Stock to each of Gerald J. Cardinale and Bradley J. Gross, each a managing director of Goldman Sachs, in their capacity as directors of the Company pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Each grant of 2,500 shares vests one third on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date, which was January 31, 2012.
3. GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own, in the aggregate, 13,754 shares of Common Stock, consisting of 5,000 shares of common stock granted to each of Gerald J. Cardinale and Bradley J. Gross (each a "Director") pursuant to the Plan and 1,877 shares of Common Stock granted to each Director pursuant to the 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. The decrease in Goldman Sachs' net open short position is the result of a change of its information barriers as a result of an internal reorganization.

/s/ Yvette Kasic, Attorney-in-  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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