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)
01/29-05:00/2016

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)
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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. 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	01/29-05:00/2016		A		3,700 (2)	A	$ 0	5,583,376	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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282				
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282				
GS Direct, L.L.C. 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282				

Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	02/02-05:00/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	02/02-05:00/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	02/02-05:00/2016
**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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(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 29, 2016, 3,700 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 2016 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The grant of 3,700 shares vests one third on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date, which was January 29, 2016.

(3) GS Group beneficially owns directly 6,877 shares of Common Stock. GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own 20,943 shares of Common Stock granted to Mr. Bradley J. Gross, a managing director of Goldman Sachs, in his capacity as a director of the Company, consisting of 3,700 shares of Common Stock granted to Mr. Gross pursuant to the Plan, 15,366 shares of Common Stock granted to Mr. Gross pursuant to the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan, and 1,877 shares of Common Stock granted to Mr. Gross pursuant to the Company's Outside Director Stock Award Plan. Mr. Gross has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such securities for the benefit of GS Group.

(4) GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 5,555,556 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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