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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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* <u>GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>85 BROAD ST</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10004</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/29/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GRIFFON CORP [GFF]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 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

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	10,000,000	I	See footnotes ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

GS Direct, L.L.C.

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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. GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.25 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Griffon Corporation, 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. Goldman Sachs has net open short positions of 312,989 shares of Common Stock.

/s/ Yvette Kusic, Attorney-in-
fact 10/09/2008

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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 5 (b)(v).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly subscribed these presents as of October 6, 2008.

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Gregory K. Palm

Name: Gregory K. Palm
Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.

By:/s/ Gregory K. Palm

Name: Gregory K. Palm
Title: Managing Director

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GS DIRECT, L.L.C.

By:/s/ Katherine B. Enquist

Name: Katherine B. Enquist
Title: Managing Director