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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BRIGHTPOINT INC [CELL] À GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP (Month/Day/Year) INC/ 12/04/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 85 BROAD ST (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director __X__ 10% Owner Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10004 (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) See footnotes (1) (2) (3) Common Stock 2,113,683 I Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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 Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Call Option (right to buy)	(4)	01/20/2007	Common Stock	500,000	\$ 15	I	See footnotes (1) (3) (5)
Call Option (right to buy)	(4)	01/20/2007	Common Stock	2,500,000	\$ 20	I	See footnotes (1) (3) (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Andrea Louro DeMar, 12/14/2006 Attorney-in-fact **Signature of Reporting Person Date /s/ Andrea Louro DeMar, 12/14/2006 Attorney-in-fact 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).
- 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"). Goldman Sachs is a direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group.
- The 2,113,683 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") of Brightpoint, Inc. (the "Company") reported on Table I may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Group by reason of the direct ownership of such securities by Goldman Sachs or another direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group (collectively, "Goldman"). Goldman also has open short positions of 158,194 shares of Common Stock.
- In connection with transactions that were part of baskets that met the requirements for exemption as outlined by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and therefore not reported, as of December 5, 2006, the Reporting Persons ceased to be the owners of more than 10% of the shares of Common Stock reported to be outstanding in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2006, and are therefore no longer subject to Section 16.
- (4) These options are immediately exercisable.
- The securities reported on Table II may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Group by reason of the direct ownership of such securities by Goldman.

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