

GOLFSMITH INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â MARXE AUSTIN W &
GREENHOUSE DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS
FUNDS,Â 527 MADISON
AVENUE, SUITE 2600

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
12/02/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GOLFSMITH INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS INC
[GOLF]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X__ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. 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

1,804,280 ⁽¹⁾I ⁽¹⁾By Limited Partnerships ⁽¹⁾

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

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Austin W.
Marxe 12/11/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

David M.
Greenhouse 12/11/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) and David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Fund III QP, L.P. (QP) and Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P. (Cayman), respectively. 1,292,775 shares of Common Stock are held by QP and 511,505 shares of Common Stock are held by Cayman. The interest of Marxe and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock owned by QP and Cayman is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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