Cardinale Gerald J. Form 4 February 06, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cardinale Gerald J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) **GRIFFON CORP [GFF]** 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > (Month/Day/Year)

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02/04/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

NEW YORK,, NY 10004

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(State)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price Amount (D)

Common Stock

02/04/2009

2,122\$0 10,002,122 A Α

See Ι 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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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					4, and 5)						
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				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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Cardinale Gerald J. C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004	X						

Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kosic, Attorney-in-fact 02/06/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned (1) subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.
- On February 4, 2009, 2,122 shares of common stock, par value \$0.25 per share (the "Common Stock") of Griffon Corporation (the "Company") were granted as 1,061 shares of Common Stock to each of the Reporting Person and Bradley J. Gross, a managing director of Goldman Sachs, in their capacity as directors of the Company pursuant to the Company's Outside Director Stock Award Plan (the "Plan"). Each grant of 1,061 shares vests one third on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date, which was February 4, 2009.
- GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own 2,122 shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Plan, consisting of 1,061 shares of Common Stock granted to each of the Reporting Person and Bradley J. Gross. The Reporting Person and Bradley J. Gross each has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such securities for the benefit of GS Group.
 - 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, L.L.C. ("GS Direct"). GS Direct is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group.
- (4) Goldman Sachs is the manager of GS Direct. GS Group, Goldman Sachs and GS Direct each disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. Goldman Sachs has net open short positions of 312,989 shares of Common Stock.

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