

FOOTHILLS RESOURCES INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/			(Month/Day/Year)	FOOTHILLS RESOURCES INC [FTRS]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/08/2006		
85 BROAD ST			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10004			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			

**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	3,333,333	I	See footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Warrant (right to acquire)	09/08/2006	09/08/2011	Common Stock	4,666,667	\$ 2.75 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(3)</u>

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kosic,  
Attorney-in-fact

09/18/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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## 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).
- (1) 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.
  - (2) The 3,333,333 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") of Foothills Resources, Inc. (the "Issuer") reported herein may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Group by reason of the direct ownership of such securities by Goldman Sachs.
  - (3) The warrants to purchase an aggregate of 4,666,667 shares of Common Stock reported herein may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Group by reason of the direct ownership of such securities by Goldman Sachs.
- (4) Subject to adjustment as provided in the warrant certificates disclosed as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2 to the Form 8-K dated September 8, 2006 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") by the Issuer on September 11, 2006 (SEC Accession No. 0001144204-06-037857).

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