

Cobalt International Energy, Inc.

Form 4

August 12, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Cobalt International Energy, Inc.
[CIE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 WEST STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2011

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

NEW YORK, NY 10282

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	08/10/2011		P	9,444	A \$ 8.8221 (3)	74,868,148	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 200 WEST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10282		X		

Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kasic,
Attorney-in-fact 08/12/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Yvette Kasic,
Attorney-in-fact 08/12/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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"). The Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, 74,868,148 shares of Cobalt International Energy, Inc. (the "Company") common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), through certain limited partnerships (the "Limited Partnerships"). Affiliates of GS Group and Goldman Sachs are the general partner, managing limited partner or managing partner of the Limited Partnerships. The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

(2) The Common Stock of the Company reported herein as indirectly purchased were beneficially owned directly by Goldman Sachs and may be deemed to have been beneficially owned indirectly by GS Group. Without admitting any legal obligation, Goldman Sachs or another wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group will remit appropriate profits, if any, to the Company.

(3) Reflects a weighted average purchase price of \$8.8221 per share, at prices ranging from \$8.71 to \$8.905 per share. Upon request by the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of

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shares sold at each separate price will be provided.

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