MEHRA SANJEEV K

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MEHRA SANJEEV K Issuer Symbol Nalco Holding CO [NLC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title **85 BROAD STREET** 03/21/2006 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10004 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative Se	curities	s Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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 Approximately 1. Securities Approximately 1. Securities Amount 4. Securities Am	of (D)	ed (A)	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)
Stock, par value \$0.01 per	03/21/2006		S	3,837,210	D	\$ 17.21 (7)	9,758,371	I	See (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MEHRA SANJEEV K 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	X						

Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman, 03/23/2006 Attorney-in-Fact

> **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 direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein as indirectly owned except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.
 - On March 21, 2006, a registered public offering of 15,000,000 shares of Nalco Holding Company (the "Company") common stock (the "Common Stock") was completed. Nalco LLC, Apollo Investment Fund V, L.P., Blackstone Capital Partners IV L.P. and GS Capital
- (2) Partners 2000, L.P. ("GS Capital") (collectively, the selling stockholders) received all proceeds from this offering. The shares of Common Stock reported herein as beneficially owned in the above table reflect (i) the direct ownership of 5,438,210 shares of Common Stock by GS Capital, (text of footnote 2 continued in footnote 3)
 - (continued from footnote 2) (ii) 4,314,491 shares in which GS Capital Partners 2000 Offshore, L.P. ("GS Offshore"), GS Capital Partners 2000 GmbH & Co. Beteiligungs KG ("GS Germany"), GS Capital Partners 2000 Employee Fund, L.P. ("GS Employee"), Goldman Sachs
- (3) Direct Investment Fund 2000, L.P. ("GS Direct") and NH Acquisition LLC ("NH" and, together with GS Offshore, GS Germany, GS Employee and GS Direct, the "GS Funds") hold an indirect beneficial economic interest based on the membership interests in Nalco LLC held by such entities, and (text of footnote 3 continued in footnote 4)
- (4) (continued from footnote 3) (iii) 5,670 shares of restricted stock units of the Company granted to GS Group pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") in connection with the Reporting Person's service as a director on the Company's board (2,000 of which units were granted on November 14, 2005 and vest on January 1, 2007, 3,670 of which units were granted on February 15, 2006

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and vest on January 1, 2008 and which represent the right to receive shares of the Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis and which are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan). Certain affiliates of Goldman Sachs and GS Group are the general partner, managing general partner, managing partner, manager or investment manager of GS Capital and the GS Funds. The balance of the membership interests in Nalco LLC are held by affiliates of The Blackstone Group L.P. and Apollo Management, L.P., as well as certain members of management of the Company.

The table above also reflects a distribution made by Nalco LLC on December 30, 2005 of an aggregate of 38,029,261 shares of Common Stock to the members of Nalco LLC that qualified as a "venture capital operating company" (as defined in 29 C.F.R. sec. 2510.3-101(d)) in proportion to their membership interests pursuant to the terms of a certain stockholders agreement, which included the distribution of

- (5) 7,577,879 shares to GS Capital, which was formerly a member of Nalco LLC. Following such distribution, GS Capital and the GS Funds beneficially held an aggregate of 13,589,911 shares of Common Stock, consisting of (i) the direct ownership of 7,577,879 shares of Common Stock by GS Capital and (ii) 6,012,032 shares in which the GS Funds held an indirect beneficial economic interest based on the membership interests in Nalco LLC held by such entities.
- The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Common Stock in excess of its pecuniary interest, if any, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such person is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.
- (7) Represents price to public in an underwritten public offering.

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