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Ms. Krista M. Hughes
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Floating Rate Notes due 2005 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 22, 2002. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paras Dasgupta".