

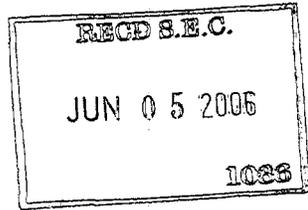
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Depository Shares (Each Representing 1/1,000<sup>th</sup> Interest in a Share of Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series D) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on June 5, 2006. Tentative listing date – June 7, 2006.

Sincerely,

Parag Madho