

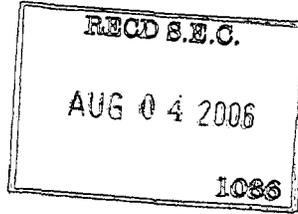


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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Room 2531
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Floating Rate Notes due 2011 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 4, 2006. Tentative listing date - August 7, 2006.

Sincerely,

Paras Dasha

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