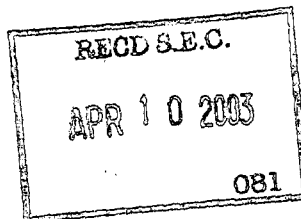


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Dear Ms. Stroud:

This is to certify that the American Stock Exchange
(the "Exchange") received from The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
(the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on
Form 8-A for the registration of the following security:

Index-Linked Notes
Due April, 2013
(Linked to the S&P 500 Index)

We further certify that the above security has been
approved by the Exchange for listing and registration, upon
official notice of issuance, and understand that the 8A will
be immediately effective upon your receipt of same, in
accordance with SEC Rule 3a12-11.

Sincerely,