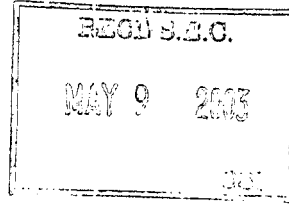




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Dear Ms. Stroud:

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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:

Enhanced Appreciation Notes
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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,