

MESA AIR GROUP INC

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP
INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

85 BROAD ST

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement(Month/Day/Year)
02/11/20093. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MESA AIR GROUP INC [MESA]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

____ Form filed by One Reporting
Person_X_ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock, No Par Value

14,222,656

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See footnote ⁽¹⁾Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	02/17/2009
<u> </u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

/s/ Kevin P. Treanor, Attorney-in-fact	02/17/2009
<u> </u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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