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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AEROFLEX HOLDING CORP. [ARX] Gross Bradley J. (Month/Day/Year) 11/18/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 200 WEST STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X__ Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10282 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι See footnotes (1) (2) (3)Common Stock 12,806,237

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	f (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gross Bradley J.

200 WEST STREET

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NEW YORK, NYÂ 10282

Signatures

/s/ Yvette Kosic, Attorney-in-fact

11/18/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned (1) subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.
 - GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 12,806,237 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Aeroflex Holding Corp. ("Aeroflex Holding") by reason of the indirect beneficial ownership of such
- shares by GS Direct, L.L.C. ("GS Direct"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. GS Direct may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 12,806,237 shares of Common Stock by reason of the direct beneficial ownership of such shares by VGG Holding LLC ("VGG"). The membership interests of VGG are held by a private investor group, which includes GS Direct. GS Direct owns 21.7% of the class A membership interests of VGG. Goldman Sachs serves as the manager of GS Direct.
 - Concurrently with the consummation of the initial public offering of Aeroflex Holding, VGG will issue class B-1 membership interests representing an aggregate of 0.3% of the membership interests of VGG to certain members of Aeroflex Holding's management. Pursuant
- (3) to the terms of the limited liability company agreement of VGG, the issuance of such class B-1 membership interests will reduce the percentage of the membership interests of VGG held by the holders of class A membership interests in VGG on a pro rata basis. Following such reduction and the consummation of Aeroflex Holding's initial public offering, GS Direct will indirectly beneficially own 12,764,010 shares of Common Stock of Aeroflex Holding that are held by VGG.

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