

FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VAN SANT R WILLIAM</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GRACO INC</u> [<u>GGG</u>] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/12/2016</u> | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| <u>88 11TH AVENUE NE</u> | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | |
| <u>MINNEAPOLIS MN</u> <u>55413</u> | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2016 | | M | | 1,800 | A | \$40.66 | 6,800 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2016 | | M | | 8,600 | A | \$38.45 | 15,400 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2016 | | M | | 4,300 | A | \$20.19 | 19,700 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2016 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 14,700 | D | \$81 | 5,000 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$40.66 | 05/12/2016 | | M | | | 1,800 | (2) | 04/20/2017 | Common Stock | 1,800 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$38.45 | 05/12/2016 | | M | | | 8,600 | (2) | 04/25/2018 | Common Stock | 8,600 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$20.19 | 05/12/2016 | | M | | | 4,300 | (2) | 04/24/2019 | Common Stock | 4,300 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Sale pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan dated April 29, 2016
2. Nonemployee director stock option granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Graco Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (2006) in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing one year after the date of the grant.

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr.,
attorney-in-fact for Mr. Van Sant
05/12/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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