



## Graco Names Timothy R. White President of EMEA Region and Jeffrey P. Johnson President of New Ventures

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MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 26, 2018-- The Board of Directors of Graco Inc. (**NYSE: GGG**), a leading manufacturer of fluid handling equipment, has named Timothy R. White President of its Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region, and Jeffrey P. Johnson President of New Ventures, effective Dec. 29, 2018.

Mr. White has held a variety of operational roles since he joined the Company in 1992. Most recently, he served as President of QED Environmental Systems (QED), a leading manufacturer of fluid management and gas analysis solutions for the environmental monitoring and remediation markets, acquired by Graco in 2013. Prior to leading QED, Mr. White served as Worldwide Sales and Marketing Director for the High Performance Coatings and Foam business in the Applied Fluid Technologies Division (AFTD) from 2012 to 2015, North American Sales Manager for AFTD from 2011 to 2012 and Manufacturing Operations Director for the Contractor Equipment Division from 2005 to 2011, in addition to a number of other management roles. Mr. White holds a bachelor's degree in Operations Management and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas.

"Tim has a unique perspective on Graco's business after holding leadership roles in three of our six divisions," said Patrick J. McHale, Graco's President and CEO. "Between his strong leadership of one of our acquired businesses and 20 years of management experience in our international legacy businesses, Tim is in a good position to lead the EMEA region."

Mr. Johnson most recently served as President of Graco's EMEA region, headquartered in Belgium, a role he has held since January 2013. Before his assignment in Belgium, Mr. Johnson served as Vice President and General Manager for the Asia Pacific region 2008 to 2012, and Director of Sales and Marketing for the Applied Fluid Technologies Division from 2006 to 2008. Prior to Graco, he held various sales and marketing positions, including, most recently, President of Johnson Krumwiede Roads, a full-service advertising agency, and European Sales Manager at General Motors Corp. Mr. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Minnesota and an MBA in International Business from the Thunderbird School of Global Management (now a school within Arizona State University).

"I want to thank Jeff for his leadership of the EMEA region over the last six years, and for his decade of service abroad. Jeff has aggressively pursued opportunities to employ our key growth strategies – including development of new end markets and geographic expansion," said McHale. "In this new role, Jeff will be looking beyond Graco's current business lines for additional growth opportunities, leveraging internal innovation, strategic partnerships and acquisitions."

### ABOUT GRACO

Graco Inc. supplies technology and expertise for the management of fluids and coatings in both industrial and commercial applications. It designs, manufactures and markets systems and equipment to move, measure, control, dispense and spray fluid and powder materials. A recognized leader in its specialties, Minneapolis-based Graco serves customers around the world in the manufacturing, processing, construction and maintenance industries. For additional information about Graco Inc., please visit us at [www.graco.com](http://www.graco.com) or on Twitter @GracoInc.

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