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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CARROLL WILLIAM J</u> | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [GGG] | | | | | | | | | | k all appli | cable) | g Per | son(s) to Iss | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 88 11TH AVENUE NE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2020 | | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | specify |
| (Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) X | Form f | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (3) | - | (Zip) | Deriva | vative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | ay/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. Transact Code (In 8) | ion str. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5) Amount (A) or (D) Properties of the control of the | | | or and ce | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Form (D) o | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Co | Transaction Code (Instr. | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | S (I | . Price of Perivative Pecurity Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | ode ' | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | opiration | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 01/01/2020 | | A | (2) | | 127.4 | | (1) | | (1) | Common Stock | 127. | 4 | \$52 | 53,233.86 | 1 ⁽³⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Phantom Stock Units were accrued under the Graco Inc. 2019 Stock Incentive Plan and are to be settled 100% in Graco common stock in a lump sum or installments upon reporting person's termination of service on the Board.
- 2. Shares of Graco Inc. Phantom stock received in lieu of retainer and meeting fees.
- 3. The number of Phantom Stock Units includes Phantom Stock Units acquired under the Graco Inc. Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP), exempt under Rule 16a-11.

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr. Carroll

01/02/2020 ** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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