FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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ANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Eberlein Mark D</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [GGG] | | | | | | | eck all applic Directo | cable) r | | 10% Owner | |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|--|--|--------------------|---|--|--|--|---|-----------|--|
| (Last) 88 11TH | (F | * | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2017 | | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President | | | | |
| (Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Line | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non- | Derivati\ | re Se | curities | s Ac | quired, Di | sposed o | of, or Be | neficiall | y Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date | | | . Transactio Date Month/Day/\ | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | Code (Ins | 4. Securities Acquired (A) ion Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | es ally Following | Form (D) o | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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 Dat if any (Month/Day/Ye | Code | action (Instr. | | | 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. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr. | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Non- qualified Stock Option (Right to | \$91.04 | 02/17/2017 | | A | | 15,450 | | (1) | 02/17/2027 | Common Stock | 15,450 | \$0 | 15,45 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2015 Stock Incentive Plan in 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.

Eberlein

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

02/21/2017

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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