FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  VAN SANT R WILLIAM  |   |  |  |          |                  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [ GGG ] |           |  |  |   |                    |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |   |  |   |  |
|   |   |  |  |          |                  |  |           |  |  |   |                    |  |  | X Direct  | or  |   | 10% Ow   | /ner                                    |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                       |   |  |  |          |                  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2019          |           |  |  |   |                    |  |  | Office<br>below   | r (give title<br>)  |   | Other (s<br>below)   | pecify                                  |  |
| 88 11TH   | AVENUE  | NE   |  |          |                  |  |           |  |  |   |                    |  |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |
|   |   |  |  |          |                  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)             |           |  |  |   |                    |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable                   |   |   |  |   |  |
| (Street)  | APOLIS M  | N  | 55413  |          |                  |  |           |  |  |   |                    |  | Lin                                    | ,   | filed by One  | Repo  | rting Persor   | 1                                       |  |
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|   |   | Tab  | le I - No                                      | n-Deriv  | vativ            | e Se   | curities  | s Ac                                   | quired, D  | isp   | osed o             | f, or Be   | neficial                               | ly Owne   | d   |   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  |  |          | ear)             | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea            |           | , Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |  | ities Acquired (A)<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                    | Benefic<br>Owned   | es<br>ially<br>Following               | Form<br>(D) o   | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |   |  |
|   |   |  |  |          |                  |  |           |  | Code   | /   | Amount             | (A) or (D)   | Price                                  | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3   | tion(s)   |   |  | (Instr. 4)                              |  |
|   |   | -  | Гable II -                                     | Deriva   | ative            | Sec  | urities   | Acq                                    | uired, Di  | spo   | sed of,            | or Bene  | eficially                              | Owned   |   |   | <u> </u>   |   |  |
|   |   |  |  | (e.g., p | puts,            | call   | ls, warra | ants                                   | , options  | , co  | onvertil           | ble secu   | ırities)                               |   |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date,    | Code (Inst       |  |           |  | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                    | and 7. Title and Am<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Sec<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                     | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | ly  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |  |          | Code             | v  | (A)       | (D)                                    | Date<br>Exercisable  |   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |   |   |  |   |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                     | (1)   | 07/01/2019                                 |  |          | A <sup>(2)</sup> |  | 418.49    |  | (1)  |   | (1)                | Common<br>Stock  | 418.49                                 | \$50.18   | 66,020.54   | 15 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 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 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. Van

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

07/01/2019

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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