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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ahlers David M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>88 11TH AVENUE NE</u> (Street) <u>MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GRACO INC [GGG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/18/2022</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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	08/18/2022		M		44,949	A	\$19.58	110,084.0192	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2022		S		44,949	D	\$70.7691 ⁽¹⁾	65,135.0192 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/19/2022		M		9,051	A	\$19.58	74,186.0192	D	
Common Stock	08/19/2022		S		9,051	D	\$70.2219 ⁽³⁾	65,135.0192	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.58	08/18/2022		M		44,949	(4)	02/15/2023	Common Stock	44,949	\$0	9,051	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.58	08/19/2022		M		9,051	(4)	02/15/2023	Common Stock	9,051	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$70.625 to \$71.04, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, with full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price set forth within the footnote.
2. Included in the amount of reported shares are shares of Graco common stock acquired under the Graco Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan, exempt under Rule 16a-11, and shares acquired under the Graco Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$70.03 to \$70.47, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, with full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price set forth within the footnote.
4. Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2010 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. Ahlers 08/19/2022

** 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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