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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* VAN SANT R WILLIAM | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [GGG] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable) X Director | | | | son(s) to Iss 10% Ov | | |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|----------|-------|-------|--|-----------|------------------|--|---|---|--|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 88 11TH AVENUE NE | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2019 | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | specify | | |
| (Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | Execution Date, | | Code (In | str. | r. 5) | | str. 3, 4 | and | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Form: Dire (D) or Indi (I) (Instr. 4 | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | 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) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | De Se (Ir | Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | C | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | epiration ate | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 01/01/2019 | | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 477.9 | | (1) | | (1) | Common Stock | 477. | 9 | \$41.85 | 64,758.476 | 6 ⁽³⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Phantom Stock Units were accrued under the Graco Inc. 2015 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 01/02/2019

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** 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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