FORM 4

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| 1 I. Maile allu Address of Reporting Ferson | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [ggg] | | tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner |
|---|------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| (Last) 88 11TH AVEN | (First) UE NE | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2004 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) |
| (Street) MINNEAPOLIS (City) | 5 MN (State) | 55413 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2004 | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person | rting Person |
| | Т | able I - Non-Deriva | ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefi | cially (| Owned | |

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|--|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------|-------|---|---|---|
| | 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities / Disposed Of (5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| | (cigi, puto, bailo, warranto, optiono, borrentible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 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) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$0 ⁽¹⁾ | 07/01/2004 | | A | | 371.5 | | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 371.5 | \$31.05 | 9,852.452 | D | |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | 05/05/2004 | | J | | 30.798 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 30.798 | \$28.7232 | 9,883.25 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The phantom stock units were accrued under the Graco Inc. Nonemployee Director Stock 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. Dividends on the accrued phantom stock units were credited under the Graco Inc. Nonemployee Director Stock 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.

<u>Kristen C. Nelson for William</u> J. Carroll

10/01/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 \ast If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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