

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VAN SANT R WILLIAM</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>88 11TH AVENUE NE</u> (Street) <u>MINNEAPOLIS MN</u> <u>55413</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GRACO INC</u> [<u>GGG</u>]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/01/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. 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	05/01/2017		M		7,100	A	\$45.08	12,100	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2017		M		5,600	A	\$54.94	17,700	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2017		M		4,500	A	\$59.51	22,200	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2017		S		14,300	D	\$108.0338 ⁽¹⁾	7,900	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2017		S		2,900	D	\$108.8639 ⁽²⁾	5,000	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$45.08	05/01/2017		M			7,100	(3)	04/21/2021	Common Stock	7,100	\$0	0	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$54.94	05/01/2017		M			5,600	(3)	04/20/2022	Common Stock	5,600	\$0	0	D	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$59.51	05/01/2017		M			4,500	(3)	04/26/2023	Common Stock	4,500	\$0	1,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$107.5 to \$108.48, 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 within the range set forth in the footnote.
2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$108.5 to \$109.41, 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 within the range set forth in the footnote.
3. Nonemployee director stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan in a transaction that is 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. Van Sant
05/02/2017

** 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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