FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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*  MORFITT MARTHA A M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [ GGG ]							(Ch	Relationship eck all appli X Directo	cable)	g Pers	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 88 11TH AVENUE NE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2018								Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify		
(Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55413				4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)															
		Tak	le I - Noi	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired, D	ispose	ed o	f, or Be	neficial	ly Owned	i			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date			Code (Instr. 5)			ed (A) or str. 3, 4 and	Benefici Owned I	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
							Code V	Amo	ount	(A) or (D)	Price		nsaction(s) tr. 3 and 4)		1	(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. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	Code (Ins				6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	of Securities		es g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s ally	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirat Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2018			A <sup>(2)</sup>		414.64		(1)	(1)		Common Stock	414.64	\$45.22	96,484.285	(3)(4)	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. Graco Inc. did a 3 for 1 stock split on 12/27/2017 and the number of phantom shares was adjusted accordingly.
- 4. 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 Ms. Morfitt 01/03/2018

\*\* 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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