**GRACO INC** Form 4 May 12, 2016

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VAN SANT R WILLIAM			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [GGG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
88 11TH AVENUE NE			(Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2016	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(State)

(City)

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/12/2016		M	1,800	A	\$ 40.66	6,800	D	
Common Stock	05/12/2016		M	8,600	A	\$ 38.45	15,400	D	
Common Stock	05/12/2016		M	4,300	A	\$ 20.19	19,700	D	
Common Stock	05/12/2016		S <u>(1)</u>	14,700	D	\$ 81	5,000	D	

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

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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. Transactio 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.66	05/12/2016		M	1,800	(2)	04/20/2017	Common Stock	1,800
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.45	05/12/2016		M	8,600	(2)	04/25/2018	Common Stock	8,600
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.19	05/12/2016		M	4,300	(2)	04/24/2019	Common Stock	4,300

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN SANT R WILLIAM
88 11TH AVENUE NE X

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

# **Signatures**

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr. Van
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05/12/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) Sale pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan dated April 29, 2016

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Nonemployee director stock option granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Graco Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (2006) in a 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.

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