MCHALE PATRICK J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCHALE PATRICK J			2. Issuer Name and 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	()		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
88 11TH AVENUE NE			10/30/2017	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				President and CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
	, _, _, _,			Person		

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Code Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common \$ 27.17 347,934.6052 10/30/2017 M 143,000 Α Stock Common 10/30/2017 F 88,169 259,765.6052 D Stock Common 10/30/2017 M 126,000 A \$42.73 385,765.6052 D Stock Common 10/30/2017 F 84,799 300,966.6052 D Stock

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Nun Shai
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.17 (2)	10/30/2017		M	143,000	(2)	02/12/2020	Common Stock	143
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.73 (3)	10/30/2017		M	126,000	(3)	02/18/2021	Common Stock	126

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
MCHALE PATRICK J					
88 11TH AVENUE NE	X		President and CEO		
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413					

Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr.
McHale
10/31/2017

**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) Included in this number are dividends paid pursuant to the Graco Employee Stock Ownership Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Graco Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (2006) in 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
- (3) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan in 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.

Reporting Owners 2

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