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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Etchart Eric**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

GRACO INC [GGG] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

88 11TH AVENUE NE

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2018

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4. TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) Expiration Title (D) Date Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares

Phantom

Stock (1) 01/01/2018 A(2) 442.28 (1) Common Stock 442.28 Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Etchart Eric 88 11TH AVENUE NE X MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr.
Etchart 01/03/2018

**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) 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) 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.
- (4) Graco Inc. did a 3 for 1 stock split on 12/27/2017 and the number of phantom shares was adjusted accordingly.

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