

GRACO INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SHEAHAN MARK W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
88 11TH AVENUE NE  
(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRACO INC [GGG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/10/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 11/10/2016                           |  | M                              | V   | 47,000 A \$ 20.8  | 66,222.9023  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/10/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 47,000 D \$ 79.1252 (1)   | 19,222.9023 (2)  | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 436.2214 (3)   | I By ESOP   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 964  | I By Spouse   |

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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 20.8 <sup>(4)</sup>                                 | 11/10/2016                           |  | M                              | 47,000  | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/13/2019                                | Common Stock  | 47,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| SHEAHAN MARK W<br>88 11TH AVENUE NE<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr. Sheahan 11/10/2016

\_\_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).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$79.00 to \$79.52, 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.
- Included in the amount reported are shares acquired under Graco Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
  - ESOP - The number of shares includes 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

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grant.

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