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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Macpherson Donald G

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GRAINGER W W INC [GWW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

04/02/2018

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title below)

Chairman and CEO

100 GRAINGER PARKWAY

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Other (specify

(A) or

Transaction(s)

30,611

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

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)

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 149.02 | | | | | 04/27/2014 | 04/26/2021 | Common Stock | 24,876 |
| Stock Option | \$ 204.01 | | | | | 04/25/2015 | 04/24/2022 | Common Stock | 16,923 |
| Stock Option | \$ 245.86 | | | | | 04/24/2016 | 04/23/2023 | Common Stock | 15,741 |
| Stock Option | \$ 248.22 | | | | | 04/30/2017 | 04/29/2024 | Common Stock | 12,266 |
| Stock Option | \$ 231.88 | | | | | 04/01/2018 | 03/31/2025 | Common Stock | 14,380 |
| Stock Option | \$ 234.38 | | | | | 04/01/2019 | 03/31/2026 | Common Stock | 23,827 |
| Stock Option | \$ 231.2 | | | | | 04/03/2020 | 04/02/2027 | Common Stock | 36,415 |
| Stock Option | \$ 276.64 | 04/02/2018 | | A | 46,063 | 04/02/2021 | 04/01/2028 | Common Stock | 46,063 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting o where remains a remainder | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Macpherson Donald G 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045 | X | | Chairman and CEO | | | | |

Signatures

Hugo Dubovoy, Jr., as attorney-in-fact

**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). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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