GRACO INC Form 4 February 21, 2017

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON DALE D

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

88 11TH AVENUE NE

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

(City)

1. Title of

GRACO INC [GGG]

Symbol

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

02/17/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s)

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

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of Transaction Derivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

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

(T)

(Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

below) President, Worldwide CED

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Non-qualified

Common **Stock Option** \$ 91.04 02/17/2017 A 17,540 (1) 02/17/2027 17,5 Stock (Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON DALE D 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

President, Worldwide CED

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Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr. 02/21/2017 Johnson

> **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).
- Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2015 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.

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