

GRACO INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Etchart Eric

(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)
02/23/2017

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2017		M	V Amount	1,000 A \$ 36.96	6,988.32	D
Common Stock	02/23/2017		S ⁽¹⁾	402 D	\$ 92.1 6,586.32		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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.96	02/23/2017		M	1,000	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2020	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Etchart Eric 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413		X		

Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr. Etchart 02/23/2017

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) Sale pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan dated February 17, 2017.
- (2) Nonemployee director stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan in a 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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