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FORM 4

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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 *
Ahlers David M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President Human Resources

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M	8,584 A \$ 20.8	8,584	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012 ⁽¹⁾		S	5,280 D \$ 50.0005 ⁽²⁾	3,304	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)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.8	02/17/2012		M	8,584	(3) 02/13/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.84	02/17/2012		A	18,600	(4) 02/17/2022	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ahlers David M 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413			Vice President Human Resources	

Signatures

By: Carrie Daniel Russell, Attorney-in-Fact For: David M. Ahlers 02/21/2012

__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 September 7, 2011, as amended February 15, 2012.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$50.00 to \$50.01, 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 set forth within the footnote.
- (3) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan (2006) in transaction exempt under Section 16b-3. The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing one year after the date of the grant.
- (4) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2010 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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