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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Chambers Caroline M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | GRACO INC [GGG] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 88 11TH AV | ENUE NE | ` / | (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2018 | Director 10% Owner Specifies title Other (specifies below) Urice President | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| MINNEAPO | LIS, MN 554 | 113 | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tal | ole I - Non- | -Derivative | Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | oror Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) or | 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 | 02/12/2018 | | Code V M | Amount 15,000 | (D) | Price \$ 11.9667 | 30,615.1371 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2018 | | S | 9,939 | D | \$ 42.0316 (1) | 20,676.1371 (<u>2)</u> | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | orDeriva Securi Acquir | red (A) posed of 3, 4, | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securiti |
|---|---|---|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.9667 (3) | 02/12/2018 | | M | | 15,000 | (3) | 02/15/2018 | Common Stock | 15,0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chambers Caroline M 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Ms. Chambers

02/12/2018

**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 \$41.89 to \$42.16, 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 of Graco Common Stock acquired under the Graco Inc. Automatic Dividend Reinvestment (2) Plan (DRIP), exempt under Rule 16a-11, and shares acquired under the Graco Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Graco Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (2006) in transaction exempt (3) 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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