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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ahlers David M

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

88 11TH AVENUE NE

GRACO INC [GGG]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2011

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

Vice President Human Resources 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

> Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

> > _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amoun
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securit
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	or Disp (D)		(Instr. 3, 4	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.73 (1)	02/18/2011		A		18,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/18/2021	Common Stock	18,0

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 D. Russell, Attorney-in-Fact For: David M.
Ahlers
02/22/2011

**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) 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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