GRACO INC Form 4 January 03, 2012

FORM 4

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

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CARROLL WILLIAM J

(First) (Middle)

88 11TH AVENUE NE

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GRACO INC [GGG]

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

01/01/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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

Person

Following

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Code (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

Reported Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1474 (9-02)

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4 Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

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

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Phantom

Α

93.55

Common

Stock

93.55

(1)

Reporting Owners

(1)

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

01/01/2012

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CARROLL WILLIAM J
88 11TH AVENUE NE X
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

Signatures

Stock

Units

By: Carrie D. Russell, Attorney-in-Fact For: William J.
Carroll
01/03/2012

**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) The Phantom Stock Units were accrued under the Graco Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan and are to be settled 100% in Graco common stock in a lump sum or installments upon reporting person's termination of service on the Board.
- (2) The number of Phantom Stock Units includes Phantom Stock Units acquired in unreported dividend reinvestment transactions.

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