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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MATTISON ROBERT 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) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 88 11TH AVENUE NE | | | 02/18/2005 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VICE PRESIDENT | | |
| | (Street) | | 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 | | |
| MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Code Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common $\mathbf{J}^{(1)}$ 03/31/2004 46.8704 A 901.8704 I by ESOP Stock 29.11 Common $J_{\underline{1}}$ 903.5874 06/30/2004 1.717 I A by ESOP Stock 31.05 Common $J^{(1)}$ I 09/30/2004 1.3213 Α \$ 33.5 904.9087 by ESOP Stock Common $J^{(1)}$ 0.5928 12/31/2004 905.5015 by ESOP 37.35 Stock Common 4,887 D Stock

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sh |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 38.13 (2) | 02/18/2005 | | A | 12,500 | (2) | 02/18/2015 | Common Stock | 12,5 |

Reporting Owners

10% Owner Officer Other Director

MATTISON ROBERT M 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

By: Kristen C. Nelson For: Robert M. Mattison

**Signature of Reporting Person

02/21/2005

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).
- Dividends paid pursuant to the Graco Employee Stock Ownership Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 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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