JOHNSON DALE D

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON DALE D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GRACO INC [GGG]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

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

Director

10% Owner

88 11TH AVENUE NE

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

02/13/2009

below) VICE PRESIDENT

(Street)

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

(Instr. 8)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(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 Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

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

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Securities Code

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

7. Title and Amour **Underlying Securit** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amo Exercisable Date or Num of Sh Non-Qualified Common \$ 20.8 (1) **Stock Option** 02/13/2009 Α 47,000 (1) 02/13/2019 47,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON DALE D 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

VICE PRESIDENT

Stock

Signatures

(right to buy)

By: Kristen C. Nelson, Attorney-in-Fact For: Dale D.

Johnson

02/18/2009

**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).

Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Graco Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (2006) in transaction exempt (1) 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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