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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VAN SANT R WILLIAM

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

GRACO INC [GGG]

(Check all applicable)

88 11TH AVENUE NE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

04/23/2010

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

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

Person

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr 8)	Acquired		

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	Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Cod	le V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 35.16 (1)	04/23/2010(2)	A		8,600		<u>(1)</u>	04/23/2020	Common Stock	8,60

(A) or

Reporting Owners

Derivative

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting 6 wher rune / rune ess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
VAN SANT R WILLIAM							
88 11TH AVENUE NE	X						
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413							

Signatures

(right to buy)

By: Kristen C. Nelson, Attorney-in-Fact For: R. William Van Sant 07/08/2010

**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) Nonemployee director stock option granted pursuant to the Graco Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan in a 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.
- (2) Stock options granted to nonemployee directors at the annual meeting held on April 23, 2010. Not filed previously due to an administrative oversight by the company.

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