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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** MCHALE PATRICK J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GRACO INC [GGG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
88 11TH AVENUE NE			(Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2016	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO		
(Street) MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acqui	red, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/08/2016		M	11,500	A	\$ 20.8	142,229.9023	D	
Common Stock	09/08/2016		S	11,500	D	\$ 74.1882	130,729.9023 (2)	D	
Common Stock							1,879.3899 (3)	I	By ESOP

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 (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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.8 (4)	09/08/2016		M	11,50	0 (4)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	11,5	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·r···	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MCHALE PATRICK J 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413	X		President and CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Francis J. Brixius Jr., attorney-in-fact for Mr.
McHale

09/08/2016

**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).
 - The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$73.89 to \$74.74, inclusive. The
- (1) reporting person undertakes to provide Graco Inc., any security holder of Graco Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, with full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in the footnote.
- (2) Included in the amount reported are shares acquiared under Graco Employee Stock Purchase Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Included in this number are dividends paid pursuant to the Graco Employee Stock Ownership Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
 - Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated Graco Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (2006) in transaction exempt
- (4) 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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