

GRACO INC  
Form 8-K  
May 09, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 8, 2012**

### Graco Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

001-9249  
(Commission  
File Number)

41-0285640  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**88-11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(612) 623-6000**

55413  
(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule-425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 8, 2012, Simon J.W. Paulis, the Company's Vice President and General Manager, Europe, and a named executive officer within the meaning of Instruction 4 to Item 5.02 of Form 8-K, informed the Company of his intention to retire from the Company effective December 31, 2012. The Company anticipates an orderly transition.

**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GRACO INC.

Date: May 9, 2012

By: /s/ Karen Park Gallivan  
Karen Park Gallivan  
Its: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary