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FORM 10-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended **December 28, 2007**, or

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File No. 001-09249

Graco Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

**88 – 11th Avenue Northeast
Minneapolis, MN 55413**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(612) 623-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share
Preferred Share Purchase Rights
Shares registered on the New York Stock Exchange.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None

Indicate by a check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned investor, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

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Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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Yes No

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The aggregate market value of approximately 65,000,000 shares held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$2.6 billion on June 29, 2007.

As of February 11, 2008, 61,120,603 shares of Common Stock were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 25, 2008, are incorporated by reference into Part III, as specifically set forth in said Part III.

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ACCESS TO REPORTS

Investors may obtain access free of charge to the Graco Inc. annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other reports by visiting the Graco website at www.graco.com. These reports will be available as soon as reasonably practicable following electronic filing with, or furnishing to, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PART I

ITEM 1 – BUSINESS

Our Company was originally incorporated in the state of South Dakota in 1926 as Gray Company, Inc. and in the state of Minnesota in 1947. It began business as a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based manufacturer of grease guns and lubricating pumps primarily for servicing vehicles. Our Company changed its name to Graco Inc. and first offered its common stock to the public in 1969. Today we provide fluid handling solutions to organizations involved in manufacturing, processing, construction and maintenance throughout the world.

Graco Inc. and its subsidiaries (which we refer to in this Form 10-K as us, we, our Company or the Company) sell a full line of products in each of the following geographic markets: the Americas (North and South America), Europe (including the Middle East and Africa), and Asia Pacific. Sales in the Americas represent approximately 60 percent of our Company's total sales; sales in Europe approximately 25 percent; and sales in Asia Pacific approximately 15 percent. Part II, Item 7, *Results of Operations* and Note B to the Consolidated Financial Statements of this Form 10-K contain financial information about these geographic areas. Our Company provides marketing, product design and application assistance to, and employs sales personnel in, each of these geographic markets. Subsidiaries located in Belgium, the People's Republic of China ("P.R.C."), Japan, and Korea distribute our Company's products in their local geographies. The majority of our manufacturing occurs in the United States, but limited lines of products are assembled in the P.R.C., the United Kingdom ("U.K.") and Belgium.

For more information about our Company, our products, services and solutions, visit our website at www.graco.com. The information on the website is not part of this report nor any other report filed or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Business Segments

Our Company classifies its business into three reportable segments, each with a world-wide focus: Industrial, Contractor and Lubrication. Financial information concerning these segments is set forth in Part II, Item 7, *Results of Operations* and Note B to the Consolidated Financial Statements of this Form 10-K.

The equipment developed and distributed by our Company's segments is broadly described as fluid handling equipment. It is used to spray, dispense, measure and move a wide variety of fluids and semi-solids in a wide variety of applications in manufacturing, processing, construction and maintenance industries. Our Company's products enable customers to reduce their use of labor, material and energy, improve quality and achieve environmental compliance.

The development of technologically superior, multiple-featured, reliable products is a key strategy of our Company. Our Company strives to generate 30 percent of its annual sales from products introduced in the prior three years. In 2007, we generated 21 percent of our sales from new products. In 2006 and 2005, the percentage of sales represented by new products was 21 and 29 percent, respectively. Major product development efforts are carried out in facilities located in Minneapolis and Rogers, Minnesota, North Canton, Ohio and on Lubrication equipment in Suzhou, P.R.C. The product development and engineering group in each segment focuses on new product design, product improvements, applied engineering and strategic technologies for its specific customer base. Total product development expenditures for all segments were \$30 million, \$30 million and \$27 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005 respectively.

Manufacturing is a key competency of Graco. Our Company invests significant resources in maximizing the quality, responsiveness and cost-effectiveness of our production operations by purchasing state-of-the-art equipment and doing most machining, assembly and testing in-house. Principal products are manufactured in vertically integrated focused factories and product cells. Raw materials and purchased components are sourced from suppliers around the world. The segments manage operations devoted to the manufacture of their product lines. Oversight and direction of manufacturing strategy is provided by our vice president of manufacturing and distribution operations. He also manages those factories not fully aligned with a single segment, the warehouses, customer service, and other shared corporate manufacturing functions.

Other primary objectives of our Company include the expansion of distribution, the penetration of new markets and the completion of acquisitions. These subjects are discussed below in the context of each segment's business operations.

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Our Company's headquarters are located in a 142,000 sq. ft. facility in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 2007, the visitors' entrance area was renovated and general office space was added. The facility is also occupied by the management, marketing and product development personnel for the Industrial segment. Information systems, accounting services and purchasing for our Company are housed in a 42,000 sq. ft. office building nearby.

A large percentage of our Company's facilities are devoted to manufacturing and distribution of the various products offered for sale by the business segments.

Products marketed by the Industrial segment are manufactured in owned facilities in Minneapolis, Minnesota (405,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/warehouse/office), Sioux Falls, South Dakota (149,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/office), and North Canton, Ohio (132,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/office), and leased facilities in Mississauga, Ontario (11,760 sq. ft. assembly/office) and Vilanova, Spain (29,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/warehouse/office). Limited lines of products are assembled in owned facilities in Suzhou, P.R.C. (79,000 sq. ft. assembly/warehouse/office), Wellingborough, U.K. (12,500 sq. ft. manufacturing/office) and Maasmechelen, Belgium (75,000 sq. ft. assembly/warehouse/office). During the first half of 2007, our Company ceased manufacturing in Vilanova, Spain. Products formerly manufactured there are now manufactured in Minneapolis. The lease on the Vilanova facility will terminate at the end of February 2008 and operations will move to a new facility (7,280 sq. ft. office/warehouse). The new facility will continue to warehouse and distribute products to Spanish customers. At the end of 2007, we announced that the mobile spray rig manufacturing and customer service functions would move from Mississauga, Ontario to North Canton, Ohio. The move was completed in January 2008. The lease for the Mississauga facility will expire at the end of June 2008. The lease for the Lakewood, New Jersey, facilities where Gusmer and Decker foam and polyurethane equipment was formerly manufactured terminated in April 2007. A 50,000 sq. ft. addition to the facility in North Canton was completed in March 2007. Some Industrial segment products are assembled for the European market in an owned facility located in Maasmechelen, Belgium, the site of our Company's European headquarters (75,000 sq. ft. assembly/warehouse/ office). A 50,000 sq. ft. warehouse addition to the Maasmechelen facility is expected to be completed in July 2008.

Products marketed by the Contractor segment are manufactured in owned facilities in Rogers, Minnesota (333,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/warehouse/office). Segment management, marketing, engineering, customer service, warehouse, shipping, sales and training are also located at the Rogers facility. The Sioux Falls, South Dakota, plant also manufactures spray guns and accessories for the Contractor segment.

During 2007, the Lubrication segment moved its manufacturing operations in Madison, Wisconsin, Cleveland, Ohio and Minneapolis, Minnesota and its segment management, marketing, engineering, customer service, warehouse, shipping, sales and training functions to an owned facility in Anoka, Minnesota (207,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/office). The lease for the facility in Madison terminated at the end of January 2008 and the sale of the owned facility in Cleveland is pending. A limited line of Lubrication products are being assembled in our owned facility in Suzhou, P.R.C. The output of the Suzhou plant is shipped to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for subsequent worldwide distribution. The plant is expected to produce products designed specifically for the Asia Pacific market sometime in the future.

Industrial Segment

The Industrial segment is the largest part of our Company's businesses and represents approximately 53 percent of our total sales. This segment includes the Industrial Products and the Applied Fluid Technologies divisions. These divisions were created in 2005. While both divisions market their equipment and services to customers who manufacture, assemble, repair and refinish products such as appliances, vehicles, airplanes, electronics, cabinets and furniture and other articles, the divisions focus on different fluids and application methods in these industries.

Most Industrial segment equipment is sold worldwide through general and specialized distributors, integrators and original equipment manufacturers. Distributors promote and sell the equipment, provide product application expertise and offer on-site service, technical support and integration capabilities. Integrators implement large individual installations in manufacturing plants where products and services from a number of different vendors are aggregated into a single system. Original equipment manufacturers incorporate our Company's Industrial segment products into the systems and assemblies that they supply to customers. In-plant polyurethane and Liquid Control™ equipment is sold through distribution and directly to manufacturers.

Industrial Products

The Industrial Products division focuses its development and sales efforts on three main product families: equipment to apply paint and other coatings to products such as motor vehicles, appliances, furniture and other industrial and consumer products; equipment to move and dispense chemicals and liquid and semi-solid foods; and equipment to refinish and repair automobiles.

Finishing equipment for applying paints, varnishes and other coatings includes paint circulating and paint supply pumps, plural component coating proportioners, various accessories to filter, transport, agitate and regulate the fluid, spare parts such as spray tips, seals and filter screens, and a variety of applicators that use different methods of atomizing and spraying the paint or other coating depending on the viscosity of the fluid, the type of finish desired, and the need to maximize transfer efficiency, minimize overspray and prevent the release of volatile organic

compounds (VOCs) into the air.

We offer double diaphragm and piston transfer pumps to the chemical, petroleum, general manufacturing and food processing industries, pumps for sanitary applications including FDA-compliant 3-A sanitary pumps for use in dairies, diaphragm pumps, transfer pumps and drum and bin unloaders. Our sanitary pumps are used in pharmaceutical, cosmetic, beverage and food processing applications. Sharpe® spray guns are used in the refinishing of automobiles.

Applied Fluid Technologies

The Applied Fluid Technologies division directs its engineering, sales and marketing efforts toward three broad product families: equipment to apply high performance coatings and foam (protective coatings); equipment to apply sealants and adhesives; and equipment to create reaction injection molded polyurethane parts.

Our Company offers a full line of plural component proportioning equipment to apply foam and protective coatings to a wide variety of surfaces. The Reactor® line of plural component pumps is used to apply foam to insulate walls and roofs as well as apply polyurea to coat tanks, pipes, roofs, truck beds and foundations where accurate temperatures and pressures are required to achieve optimal results. The XtremeMix™ plural component sprayers provide on-demand mixing, ratio assurance and job site portability to spray high solid epoxies, urethanes and protective coatings with a short pot life. These pumps are incorporated into systems with our Company's heated hose, diaphragm supply pumps and Fusion® spray guns with accurate mix capability. The Reactor systems are also available installed in trailer rigs for mobility and flexibility at remote job sites.

Our Company offers pumps, applicators and accessories, to supply and precisely dispense sealants and adhesives in automotive assembly, furniture assembly, insulated glass and window manufacturing, bookbinding and other industrial assembly operations. The Therm-O-Flow® bulk hot melt drum unloader system was introduced during 2006 and among other uses, supplies adhesive to roll coaters used in the manufacture of tapes and labels. The line was expanded with a pail version in 2007 for use in the manufacture of insulating glass, carrying the CE mark to permit distribution in Europe. The Therm-O-Flow offers a new generation air motor called the NXT® with an embedded control structure (provides runaway protection, diagnostics and material usage data), modular air valve, and integrated air controls. The Liquid Control line of equipment meters, mixes and dispenses precision beads of sealants and adhesives and is customized for use in the electronics and automotive industries and in bonding, molding, sealing, doming and gasketing other products. In 2007, we introduced the Liquid Control™ PR70, the first meter, mix and dispense plural components system with Graco Control Architecture™ for quick troubleshooting and a compact modular design that is broadly configurable. In-plant polyurethane equipment and systems are used to reduce road noise and vibration in motor vehicles and to produce a wide variety of injection molded parts for automobiles, trucks, consumer products and general industrial use. Material suppliers and end-user customers play a significant role in the development of in-plant polyurethane systems for specific applications.

We work closely with major material manufacturers to identify and configure Graco equipment suitable for the handling of their materials. For example, our equipment is used to supply a catalyzed plastic resin for the formation of the blades used on turbines for generating electricity from wind and adhesive for cementing parts of the blades together.

Contractor Segment

The Contractor segment generated approximately 36 percent of our Company's 2007 total sales. This segment markets a complete line of airless paint and texture sprayers (air, gas, hydraulically- and electrically-powered), accessories such as spray guns, hoses and filters and spare parts such as tips and seals, to professional and semi-professional painters in the construction and maintenance industries. The products are distributed primarily through stores whose main products are paint and other coatings. Contractor products are also sold through general equipment distributors. A limited line of sprayers are distributed through the home center channel.

Contractor equipment includes a wide variety of sprayers, including sprayers that apply markings on roads, parking lots, fields and floors; texture to walls and ceilings; highly viscous coatings to roofs; and paint to walls and structures. Many of these sprayers and their accessories contain one or more advanced technological features such as micro-processor based controls for consistent spray and protective shut-down, a pump that may be removed and re-installed without tools, an easy clean feature, gas/electric convertibility, and an extremely durable pump finish. Continual technological innovation and broad product families with multiple offerings are characteristic of our Company's Contractor equipment business. Painters are encouraged to upgrade their equipment regularly to take advantage of the new and/or more advanced features. A new line of sprayers for the application of fine finishes to cabinets and other wood surfaces was introduced in 2007. The FinishPro™ air-assisted airless sprayer provides a finish quality comparable to high volume low pressure (HVLP) sprayers, the production speed of an airless sprayer and the ability to switch from airless to air-assisted airless with the flip of a switch. These sprayers are equipped with one of the first air-assisted airless spray guns that uses a reversible spray tip.

A large percentage of our Contractor sales come from the North American market, although Contractor products are marketed and sold in all major geographic areas. In recent years, the segment has increased its effort to appeal to customers outside of North America by developing products specifically for these markets, like the Mark X™ texture sprayer, a 240 volt, 2.4 gallons per minute electric sprayer used to fill in rough

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areas on plaster and concrete walls and designed to be sold in Europe and Asia Pacific where less drywall is used.

In Europe and Asia Pacific, we are pursuing a broad strategy of converting contractors accustomed to the manual application of paint and other coatings by brush and roller to spray technology. This requires extensive in-person demonstration of the productivity advantages, cost savings and finish quality of our spray equipment. This also requires the conversion of local paint distributors who may have a different method of selling their product. For example, in the P.R.C. some paint companies include spray application in the price they charge for their paint.

Lubrication Segment

The Lubrication segment represented approximately 11 percent of our Company's sales during 2007. Traditionally, the Lubrication segment has focused on pumps, applicators and accessories, such as meters and hose reels, for the motor vehicle lubrication market. In this market, our Company's customers include fast oil change facilities, service garages, fleet service centers, automobile dealerships, and auto parts stores. Recent acquisitions have expanded the segment's product offering, providing access to new markets. Small electric fuel and oil transfer pumps for use in remote locations to supply fuel and oil to ranch, farm and construction machinery and off-road vehicles and automatic lubrication systems are examples.

The Lubriquip® product line consists of systems for the automatic lubrication of factory machine tools, compressors and pumps used in petrochemical and gas transmissions plants; bearings and gears on equipment in metal, pulp and paper mills; conveyors and material handling equipment; and off-road and over-the-road trucks. Lubriquip products are primarily sold through distribution. During 2007, the manufacture of Lubriquip products was transferred from facilities in Madison, Wisconsin and Cleveland, Ohio to the facility in Anoka, Minnesota.

Although the bulk of the Lubrication segment's sales come from North America, the segment is responsible for world-wide marketing and sales of our lubrication equipment. Products are distributed in each of our Company's major geographic markets, primarily through independent distributors serviced by independent sales representatives, a dedicated sales force in the automatic lubrication systems market and direct sales generalists in foreign markets. Some automatic lubrication systems are marketed to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). Fuel and oil transfer pumps are marketed through OEMs, select home centers, auto parts stores and our traditional distribution channel.

Raw Materials

The primary materials and components used in the manufacturing process are steel of various alloys, sizes and hardness; specialty stainless steel and aluminum bar stock, tubing and castings; tungsten carbide; electric motors; injection molded plastics; sheet metal; forgings; powdered metal; hoses; and electronic components. In general, the raw materials and components used are adequately available through multiple sources of supply. In order to manage cost, our Company continues to increase its global sourcing of materials and components, primarily in the Asia Pacific region.

During 2007, our Company experienced significant volatility in the price of stainless steel, copper, plastic and rubber and the commodities that contained these materials. Our Company endeavors to address fluctuations in the price and availability of various materials and components through close management of current suppliers, agreements and an intensive search for new suppliers.

Intellectual Property

We own a number of patents and have patent applications pending both in the United States and in other countries, license our patents to others, and are a licensee of patents owned by others. In our opinion, our business is not materially dependent upon any one or more of these patents or licenses. Our Company also owns a number of trademarks in the United States and foreign countries, including registered trademarks for "GRACO," several forms of a capital "G," "Decker," "Gusmer," "Lubriquip" and various product trademarks which are material to our business, inasmuch as they identify Graco and our products to our customers.

Competition

We face substantial competition in all of our markets. The nature and extent of this competition varies in different markets due to the depth and breadth of our Company's product lines. Product quality, reliability, design, customer support and service, personal relationships, specialized engineering and pricing are the major competitive factors in our markets. Although no competitor duplicates all of our products, some competitors are larger than our Company, both in terms of sales of directly competing products and in terms of total sales and financial resources. We also face competitors with different cost structures and expectations of profitability and these companies offer competitive products at lower prices. We believe we are one of the world's leading producers of high-quality specialized fluid handling equipment in the markets we serve. It is not possible to determine our relative market position because of the absence of reliable industry-wide third-party data.

Environmental Protection

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Our compliance with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations did not have a material effect upon our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position during the fiscal year ended December 28, 2007.

Employees

As of December 28, 2007, we employed approximately 2,200 persons on a full-time basis. Of this total, approximately 400 were employees based outside the United States, and 900 were hourly factory workers in the United States. None of our Company's U.S. employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Various national industry-wide labor agreements apply to certain employees in Europe. Compliance with such agreements has no material effect on our Company or its operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Foreign Operations — Conditions in foreign countries and changes in foreign exchange rates may impact our sales volume, rate of growth or profitability.

In 2007, approximately 48 percent of our sales was generated by customers located outside the United States. Sales to customers located outside the United States expose us to special risks, including the risk of terrorist activities, civil disturbances, and special taxes, regulations and restrictions. We are increasing our presence in the Asia Pacific region, South America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We assemble products at our factory in Suzhou, P.R.C. and source an increasing number of the components and materials used in the assembly process from the local market. Sales in Eastern Europe, Russia and the former socialist republics are increasing at a faster rate than in Western Europe. Our revenues and net income may be adversely affected by more volatile economic and political conditions in Asia, South America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and other currencies will impact our reported sales and earnings.

Foreign Suppliers – Our Company has increased its sourcing of raw materials and components from vendors located outside the United States. Interruption or delays in delivery may adversely affect our profitability.

We are sourcing an increasing percentage of our materials and components from suppliers outside the United States. Long lead times may reduce our flexibility and make it more difficult to respond promptly to fluctuations in demand. Changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and other currencies may impact the manufacturing costs of our products and affect our profitability.

Major Customers — Our Contractor Equipment segment depends on a few large customers for a significant portion of its sales. Significant declines in the level of purchases by these customers could reduce our sales.

We derive a significant amount of revenue from a few large customers. Substantial decreases in purchases by these customers, difficulty in collecting amounts due or the loss of their business would adversely affect the profitability of our Company's Contractor Equipment segment. The business of these customers is dependent upon the economic vitality of the construction and home maintenance markets. If these markets decline, the business of our customers could be adversely affected and their purchases of our equipment could decrease. In 2007, one of these large customers informed us that it would reduce the number of stores through which the Graco line would be offered. As a result, it is expected that 2008 sales to this customer will be lower.

Acquisitions — Our growth strategy includes acquisitions. Suitable acquisitions must be located, completed and integrated into our existing businesses in order for this strategy to be successful.

We have identified acquisitions as one of the strategies by which we intend to grow our business. If we do not successfully acquire and integrate businesses into our current business model, or realize projected efficiencies and cost-savings from acquired businesses, we may be unable to meet our growth or profit objectives.

Natural Disasters — Our operations are at risk of damage or destruction by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tornadoes or unusually heavy precipitation.

The loss of, or substantial damage to, one of our facilities could make it difficult to supply our customers with product and provide our employees with work. Our manufacturing and distribution facility in Minneapolis is on the banks of the Mississippi River where it is exposed to flooding. Flooding could also damage our European headquarters and warehouse in Maasmechelen, Belgium or our factory in Suzhou, P.R.C. Tornadoes could damage or destroy our facilities in Sioux Falls, Rogers, Minneapolis or Anoka and a typhoon could do the same to our facility in Suzhou. An earthquake may adversely impact our operations in Suzhou.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

The information concerning the location and general character of the physical properties of our Company contained under the heading "Business-Business Segments" in Part I of this 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference.

Sales activities in the countries of Japan, Korea, and the P.R.C. are conducted out of leased facilities – Yokohama, Japan (18,500 gross sq. ft. office) and Gwangju-Gun, Korea (15,750 sq. ft. total for two separate facilities-warehouse and office). Our Company also leases space for liaison offices in the P.R.C. and India and for a sales office in Australia.

Our Company's facilities are in satisfactory condition, suitable for their respective uses and are generally adequate to meet current needs. Manufacturing capacity generally met business demand during 2007. Production requirements in the immediate future are expected to be met through existing facilities, the installation of new automatic and semi-automatic machine tools, efficiency and productivity improvements, and the use of available subcontract services.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Our Company is engaged in routine litigation incident to our business, which management believes will not have a material adverse effect upon our operations or consolidated financial position.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No issues were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2007.

Executive Officers of Our Company

The following are all the executive officers of Graco Inc. as of February 18, 2008:

Patrick J. McHale, 46, is President and Chief Executive Officer, a position he has held since June 2007. He served as Vice President and General Manager, Lubrication Equipment Division from June 2003 to June 2007. He was Vice President of Manufacturing and Distribution Operations from April 2001 to June 2003. He served as Vice President, Contractor Equipment Division from February 2000 to March 2001. Prior to becoming Vice President, Lubrication Equipment Division in September 1999, he held various manufacturing management positions in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Plymouth, Michigan; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. McHale joined the Company in December 1989.

Caroline M. Chambers, 43, became Vice President and Controller in December 2006 and has served as the Company's principal accounting officer since September 2007. She was Corporate Controller from October 2005 to December 2006 and Director of Information Systems from July 2003 through September 2005. Prior to becoming Director of Information Systems, she held various management positions in the internal audit and accounting departments. Prior to joining Graco, Ms. Chambers was an auditor with Deloitte & Touche in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Paris, France. Ms. Chambers joined the Company in 1992.

Karen Park Gallivan, 51, became Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary in September 2005. She was Vice President, Human Resources from January 2003 to September 2005. Prior to joining Graco, she was Vice President of Human Resources and Communications at Syngenta Seeds, Inc., from January 1999 to January 2003. From 1988 through January 1999, she was the general counsel of Novartis Nutrition Corporation. Prior to joining Novartis, Ms. Gallivan was an attorney with the law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel. She joined the Company in January 2003.

James A. Graner, 63, became Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in September 2005. He was Vice President and Controller from March 1994 to September 2005. He was Treasurer from May 1993 through February 1994. Prior to becoming Treasurer, he held various managerial positions in the treasury, accounting and information systems departments. He joined the Company in 1974. Mr. Graner has announced his intention to retire in 2008.

Dale D. Johnson, 53, became Vice President and General Manager, Contractor Equipment Division in April 2001. From January 2000, through March 2001, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer. From December 1996 to January 2000, he was Vice President, Contractor Equipment Division. Prior to becoming the Director of Marketing, Contractor Equipment Division, in June 1996, he held various marketing and sales positions in the Contractor Equipment Division and the Industrial Equipment Division. He joined the Company in 1976.

Jeffrey P. Johnson, 48, is Vice President and General Manager, Asia Pacific, a position he has held since February 2008. He served as Director of Sales and Marketing, Applied Fluid Technologies Division, from June 2006 until February 2008. Prior to joining Graco, he held various sales and marketing positions, including, most recently, President of Johnson Krumwiede Roads, a full-service advertising agency, and European sales manager at General Motors Corp. He joined the Company in 2006.

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David M. Lowe, 52, became Vice President and General Manager, Industrial Products Division in February 2005. He was Vice President and General Manager, European Operations from September 1999 to February 2005. Prior to becoming Vice President, Lubrication Equipment Division in December 1996, he was Treasurer. Mr. Lowe joined the Company in February 1995.

Simon J. W. Paulis, 60, became Vice President and General Manager, Europe in September 2005. From February 2005 to September 2005, he served as Director and General Manager, Europe. He served as Sales and Marketing Director, Contractor Equipment Europe from January 1999 to September 2005. Prior to joining Graco, he served as business unit manager for Black & Decker N.V., general sales manager for Alberto Culver, and marketing manager for Ralston Purina/Quaker Oats. Mr. Paulis joined the Company in January 1999.

Charles L. Rescorla, 56, became Vice President of Manufacturing and Distribution Operations in September 2005. He served as Vice President, Manufacturing/Distribution Operations and Information Services from June 2003 to September 2005. From April 2001 until June 2003, he was Vice President of the Industrial/Automotive Equipment Division. Prior to June 2003, he held various positions in manufacturing and engineering management. Mr. Rescorla joined the Company in June 1988.

Mark W. Sheahan, 43, became Vice President and General Manager, Applied Fluid Technologies Division in February 2008. He served as Chief Administrative Officer from September 2005 until February 2008, and was Vice President and Treasurer from December 1998 to September 2005. Prior to becoming Treasurer in December 1996, he was Manager, Treasury Services, where he was responsible for strategic and financial activities. He joined the Company in September 1995.

Brian J. Zumbolo, 38, became Vice President and General Manager, Lubrication Equipment Division in August 2007. He was Director of Sales and Marketing, Lubrication Equipment and Applied Fluid Technologies, Asia Pacific, from November 2006 through July 2007. From February 2005 to November 2006, he was the Director of Sales and Marketing, High Performance Coatings & Foam, Applied Fluid Technologies Division. Mr. Zumbolo was the Director of Sales and Marketing, Finishing Equipment from May 2004 to February 2005. Prior to May 2004, he held various marketing positions in the Industrial Equipment Division. Mr. Zumbolo joined the Company in 1999.

With the exception of Patrick J. McHale, Brian J. Zumbolo, Caroline M. Chambers, Jeffrey P. Johnson and Mark W. Sheahan, the Board of Directors elected each of the above executive officers on April 21, 2006, to hold office for the next year, or until their successors are elected and qualify. Mr. McHale was elected President and Chief Executive Officer effective June 11, 2007; Mr. Zumbolo was elected Vice President and General Manager, Lubrication Equipment Division, effective August 1, 2007; Ms. Chambers was elected Vice President and Controller effective December 8, 2006; Jeffrey P. Johnson was elected Vice President and General Manager, Asia Pacific, effective February 15, 2008; and Mark W. Sheahan was elected Vice President and General Manager, Applied Fluid Technologies Division, effective February 15, 2008.

PART II

Item 5. Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Graco Common Stock

Graco common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "GGG." As of February 11, 2008, the share price was \$35.47 and there were 61,120,603 shares outstanding and 2,641 common shareholders of record, which includes nominees or broker dealers holding stock on behalf of an estimated 31,000 beneficial owners.

The graph below compares the cumulative total shareholder return on the common stock of the Company for the last five fiscal years with the cumulative total return of the S&P 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Machinery Index over the same period (assuming the value of the investment in Graco common stock and each index was \$100 on December 31, 2002, and all dividends were reinvested).

Five Year* Cumulative Total Shareholder Return

*Fiscal Year Ended Last Friday in December

Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
2007				
Net sales	\$197,495	\$231,384	\$207,270	\$205,190

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Gross profit	104,862	122,232	110,646	109,686
Net earnings	33,735	44,180	39,263	35,658
Per common share				
Basic net earnings	.51	.67	.61	.57
Diluted net earnings	.50	.66	.60	.56
Dividends declared	.17	.17	.17	.19
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Stock price (per share)				
High	\$42.27	\$42.07	\$46.07	\$40.50
Low	38.44	38.27	37.84	36.25
Close ¹	39.16	40.28	39.11	37.26
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Volume (# of shares)	22,604	40,254	46,605	28,941
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	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
2006				
Net sales	\$192,216	\$218,632	\$202,199	\$203,421
Gross profit	103,227	116,946	106,611	107,173
Net earnings	35,422	41,335	37,392	35,617
Per common share				
Basic net earnings	.52	.61	.55	.53
Diluted net earnings	.51	.60	.54	.52
Dividends declared	.15	.15	.15	.17
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Stock price (per share)				
High	\$45.43	\$48.95	\$46.37	\$43.60
Low	36.50	42.50	37.00	38.61
Close ¹	45.43	45.98	39.06	39.62
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Volume (# of shares)	19,428	21,925	24,882	26,326
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¹ As of the last trading day of the calendar quarter.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On February 17, 2006, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to purchase up to a total of 7,000,000 shares of its outstanding common stock, primarily through open-market transactions. This authorization expires on February 29, 2008. On September 28, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to purchase up to a total of an additional 7,000,000 shares. This authorization expires on September 30, 2009.

In addition to shares purchased under the plan, the Company purchases shares of common stock held by employees who wish to tender owned shares to satisfy the exercise price or tax withholding on stock option exercises.

Information on issuer purchases of equity securities follows:

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (at end of period)
Sep 29, 2007 - Oct 26, 2007	709,700	\$39.47	709,700	7,047,920
Oct 27, 2007 - Nov 23, 2007	259,544	\$37.11	259,544	6,788,376

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Nov 24, 2007 - Dec 28, 2007 640,843 \$37.82 640,843 6,147,533

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Graco Inc. and Subsidiaries

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Net sales	\$841,339	\$816,468	\$731,702	\$605,032	\$535,098
Net earnings	152,836	149,766	125,854	108,681	86,713
Per common share ¹					
Basic net earnings	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.21	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.25
Diluted net earnings	2.32	2.17	1.80	1.55	1.23
Total assets	\$536,724	\$511,603	\$445,630	\$371,714	\$397,390
Long-term debt (including current portion)	107,060				
Cash dividends declared per common share ^{1,2}	.68	.60	.54	.41	1.76

¹ All share and per share data has been restated for the three-for-two stock split distributed in 2004.

² 2003 includes a special dividend of \$1.50 per share declared on December 12, 2003, paid on March 25, 2004, to shareholders of record as of March 11, 2004.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) reviews significant factors affecting the consolidated results of operations, financial condition and liquidity for the three-year period ended December 28, 2007. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements ("Notes"). The discussion is organized in the following sections:

- Overview
- Results of Operations
- Segment Results
- Financial Condition
- Significant Accounting Policies and Estimates
- Forward-Looking Statements

Overview

Our Company's key strategies include development of new products, expansion of distribution, new market penetration and completion of acquisitions. Long-term financial growth targets accompany these strategies, including 10 percent revenue growth, 12 percent net earnings and earnings per share growth.

Graco's business is classified by management into three reportable segments, each responsible for product development, marketing and sales of their products. The segments are headquartered in North America. They have responsibility for sales and marketing in the Americas and joint responsibility with Europe and Asia Pacific regional management for sales and marketing in those geographic areas.

Manufacturing is a key competency of the Company, and to facilitate our growth we are aligning manufacturing responsibility with our divisions. Strategic manufacturing expertise will continue to be provided by a management team in Minneapolis, who will also be responsible for factories not fully aligned with a single division. Our primary manufacturing facilities are in the United States and distribution facilities are located in the United States, Belgium, Japan, Korea and China. In 2007 manufacturing activities for the Lubrication division were centralized in Anoka, Minnesota and in 2006, a new assembly factory in Suzhou, China began production.

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Results of Operations

(In millions, except per share amounts)	2007	2006	2005
Net Sales	\$841.3	\$816.5	\$731.7
Operating Earnings	232.5	226.0	191.1
Net Earnings	152.8	149.8	125.9
Diluted Net Earnings per Common Share	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.17	\$ 1.80

Highlights include:

Sales grew by 3 percent in 2007 and 12 percent in 2006, with continued strong growth in Europe and Asia Pacific of 23 percent and 18 percent, respectively, in 2007. Sales in the Americas decreased by 6 percent in 2007, primarily due to the weak housing and construction industries.

Sales were higher in the Industrial and Lubrication segments, with growth in 2007 of 7 percent and 13 percent respectively, offset by a 4 percent decline in Contractor.

Net sales increased by approximately \$17 million in 2007 and \$5 million in 2006 from favorable currency translation.

Net earnings grew 2 percent in 2007 and 19 percent in 2006. Currency translation increased net earnings by approximately \$7 million in 2007 and \$2 million in 2006.

Investment in new products was 3.6 percent of sales in 2007 and 3.7 percent of sales in 2006.

The full year impact of the Lubriquip acquisition increased net sales by \$11 million or 1 percent in 2007. In 2006, the Lubriquip acquisition and the full year impact of businesses acquired in 2005 (Gusmer, Liquid Control and PBL) increased net sales by \$18 million or 2 percent.

Increased cash flows from operations in each year.

The following table presents net sales by geographic region.

(In millions)	2007	2006	2005
Geographic Sales			
Americas ¹	\$500.4	\$534.9	\$486.2
Europe ²	215.5	175.7	151.0
Asia Pacific	125.4	105.9	94.5
Total	\$841.3	\$816.5	\$731.7

¹ North and South America, including the United States. Sales in the United States were \$434 million in 2007, \$474 million in 2006 and \$435 million in 2005.

² Europe, Africa and Middle East

Sales in the Americas declined by 6 percent overall and by 4 percent and 14 percent in the Industrial and Contractor segments, respectively, in 2007 as compared to the prior year. Lubrication sales in the Americas increased by 10 percent, primarily due to the full year impact of the Lubriquip acquisition. Strong growth in Europe and Asia Pacific in all three segments reflects a favorable business environment, continued emphasis on expanding sales and marketing resources in those regions and focus on new distribution as well as the positive effect of foreign currency translation rates.

The following table presents components of net sales change:

	2007							
	Industrial	Contractor	Lubrication	Consolidated	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	Consolidated
Volume & price	4%	(6%)	(2%)	0%	(8%)	13%	16%	0%

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2007

Acquisitions	0%	0%	14%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Currency	3%	2%	1%	2%	0%	9%	1%	2%
Total	7%	(4%)	13%	3%	(6%)	23%	18%	3%

2006

	Industrial	Contractor	Lubrication	Consolidated	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	Consolidated
Volume & price	12%	4%	8%	9%	6%	14%	11%	9%
Acquisitions	1%	0%	25%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%
Currency	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Total	14%	5%	34%	12%	10%	16%	12%	12%

The following table presents an overview of components of operating earnings as a percentage of net sales:

	2007	2006	2005
Net Sales	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of products sold	46.8	46.8	48.2
Gross profit	53.2	53.2	51.8
Product development	3.6	3.7	3.7
Selling, marketing and distribution	14.8	14.6	15.0
General and administrative	7.2	7.2	7.0
Operating earnings	27.6	27.7	26.1
Interest expense	0.4	0.1	0.2
Other expense, net	0.0	0.1	0.0
Earnings before income taxes	27.2	27.5	25.9
Income taxes	9.0	9.2	8.7
Net Earnings	18.2	18.3	17.2