UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended April 1, 1994

Commission File Number: 1-9249

GRACO INC

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State of incorporation)

41-0285640

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

4050 Olson Memorial Highway Golden Valley, Minnesota (Address of principal executive offices)

55422 (Zip Code)

(612) 623-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by 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, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No

11,629,462 common shares were outstanding as of April 1, 1994.

GRACO INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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PART I

Item 1 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(Unaudited)

Thirteen Weeks Ended April 1, 1994 March 26, 1993 (In thousands except per share amounts)

Net sales	\$80,930	\$77,811
Cost of products sold	42,494	41,602
Gross profit	38,436	36,209
Product development Selling General and administrative	3,556 22,299 9,488	2,777 19,440 9,150
Operating profit	3,093	4,842
Interest expense Other expense, net	368 39	606 114
Earnings before income taxes	2,686	4,122
Income taxes	850	1,550
Net earnings	\$1,836	\$2,572
Net earnings per common share	\$0.16	\$0.23
Cash dividend per common share	\$0.14	\$0.13

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS	April 1, 1994 (Unaudited) (in	December 31, 1993 thousands)
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Marketable securities Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$4,400 and \$4,100 Inventories Deferred income taxes	\$1,116 359 67,678 42,223 9,210	26,345 62,178 35,719 8,843
Other current assets Total current assets	3,845 124,431	3,079 147,259
Property, plant and equipment: Cost Less accumulated depreciation	132,029 (74,120) 57,909	(72,132) 57,744
Other assets	11,241 \$193,581	·
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities: Notes payable to banks Current portion of long-term debt Trade accounts payable Dividends payable Income taxes payable Other current liabilities Total current liabilities	\$12,525 5,540 15,682 1,605 6,609 31,039 73,000	16,737 32,535 5,658
Long-term debt, less current portion above	13,929	13,937
Retirement benefits and deferred compensati	on 29,212	28,132
Shareholders' equity: Preferred stock Common stock Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Other, net	1,484 11,629 22,197 42,367 (237) 77,440 \$193,581	19,813 42,430 (492) 74,685

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

Thirteen Weeks Ended April 1, 1994 March 26, 1993 (In thousands)

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CASH	+1.0WS	+ROM	OPERALING	ACTIVITIES:

Net earnings Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes	\$1,836 2,600 (340)	\$2,572 2,458 247
Change in: Accounts receivable Inventories Trade accounts payable Accrued salaries Retirement benefits and deferred compensaion Other accrued liabilities Other	(5,213) (6,231) (1,216) (2,154) 938 (1,747) (852)	(1,360) 4,533 (4,000) (4,490) 724 (6,237) (2,920)
	(12,379)	(8,473)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Property, plant and equipment additions Proceeds from sale of property, plant, an Purchases of marketable securities Proceeds from marketable securities	(2,711) 123 (5,464) 31,450 23,398	(2,047) (3,891) 3,617 (2,321)
	23,390	(2,321)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Notes payable, net change Common stock issued Cash dividends paid	9,102 2,663 (32,829)	1,885 1,947 (1,471)
	(21,064)	2,361
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	66	256
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(9,979)	(8,177)
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	11,095	18,869
End of period	\$1,116	\$10,692

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

 The consolidated balance sheet as of April 1, 1994, the consolidated statements of earnings for the thirteen weeks ended April 1, 1994, and March 26, 1993, and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the thirteen weeks then ended have been prepared by the Company without being audited.

In the opinion of management, these consolidated statements reflect all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position of Graco Inc. at April 1, 1994, and March 26, 1993, and the results of operations and cash flows for all periods presented.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. Therefore, these statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's 1993 Form 10-K.

The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results which will be realized for the full fiscal year.

2. Major components of inventories were as follows:

	April 1, 1994 (In thou	,
Finished products and components Products and components in	\$45,829	\$42,010
various stages of completion	24,580	21,410
Raw materials	8,382	8,642
Reduction to LIFO cost	(36,568)	(36,343)
	\$42,223	\$35,719

3. On February 25, 1994, the Board of Directors authorized a plan to purchase up to a total of 400,000 shares of its outstanding common stock. These common shares will be acquired through open-market purchases to be made through February 28, 1996. The shares to be acquired will be available for issuance to satisfy stock options and for other corporate purposes. No shares have been repurchased under this plan as of April 1, 1994.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Results of Operations

Net earnings of \$1,836,000 for the first quarter ended April 1, 1994 were \$736,000 below 1993 earnings due to higher expenses.

Sales of \$80,930,000 for the first quarter increased 4 percent compared to 1993. Sales in the Americas increased 12 percent to \$58,684,000. In the Pacific, sales were down 15 percent to \$10,193,000 (a 20 percent volume decline, offset by a 5 percent exchange rate gain). Sales in Europe were down 11 percent to \$12,053,000 (a 5 percent volume decline, and 6 percent due to exchange rates).

Gross profit margins increased during the first quarter 1994 to 47.5 percent of sales from 46.5 percent for the same period in 1993, due to improved manufacturing efficiencies and higher production levels.

Operating expenses increased \$3,976,000 or 13 percent compared to the same period in 1993. Product development expense increased 28 percent over 1993, as the Company continues to substantially expand its investment in new products. Selling expenses were up 15 percent, and general and administrative expenses were up 4 percent.

At the end of the first quarter, bookings were very strong in the Americas, flat in Europe, and down in the Pacific. For the Company, bookings were up 13 percent. Backlog at April 1, 1994, was \$33 million, an increase of \$10 million from \$23 million on March 26, 1993, and an increase of \$13 million from \$20 million on December 31, 1993. Graco expects to ship most of this increase during the second quarter.

The Company expects strong demand in the Americas to continue to drive its sales growth and profitability. The sharp sales decline experienced in Europe last year appears to be leveling off, based on recent booking trends. The Japanese market remains very depressed, and is expected to remain so in the foreseeable future. Graco expects some sales growth in the other Asia/Pacific-countries, but not at the extraordinary rate of last year. Overall, the Company expects continued sales growth and improved margins throughout 1994, as investments already underway begin to take effect and help improve performance.

Financial Condition

Cash uses were for operating activities. The Company has unused lines of credit available at April 1, 1994, totaling \$43 million.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

Statement on Computation of Per Share Earnings

Exhibit 11

(b) No reports on Form 8-K have been filed during the quarter for which this report is filed.

SIGNATURES

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.

By: \David A. Koch David A. Koch Date: May 12, 1994

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 12, 1994 By: \Robert A. Wagner

Robert A. Wagner

Vice President and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

COMPUTATION OF NET EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

(Unaudited)

Thirteen Weeks Ended
April 1, 1994 March 26, 1993
(In thousands except per share amounts)

Net earnings applicable to common stock:

Net earnings	\$1,836	\$2,572
Less dividends on preferred stock	19	19
	\$1,817	\$2,553
Average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding:		
Average number of common shares outstanding	11,515	11,350
Dilutive effect of stock options computed on the treasury stock	65	56
	11,580	11,406
Net earnings per common share and common equivalent share	\$0.16	\$0.23

Primary and fully diluted earnings per share are substantially the same.