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GRACO NAMED A TOP WORKPLACE BY STAR TRIBUNE

Metro Area Locations Recognized for Exceptional Workplace Environments

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – June 23, 2010 – Graco Inc. (NYSE:GGG), a manufacturer of fluid handling equipment, has been named one of the Top Workplaces in the Twin Cities metropolitan area by the Star Tribune newspaper, ranking third in the large publicly held companies category.

The Star Tribune's Top Workplaces special section recognized the 100 most progressive companies in the metro area based on employee opinions about company leadership, career opportunities, workplace flexibility, compensation and benefits. The analysis included responses from over 33,000 employees at Minnesota public, private and nonprofit organizations.

"This is exciting news and a real compliment to Graco employees, past and present," said David Ahlers, Vice President, Human Resources and Corporate Communications. "We are honored to be ranked in the top five large company workplaces in the Twin Cities; it speaks to the outstanding culture and character of our employees.

To qualify for the Star Tribune Top Workplaces, a company must have more than 50 employees in the Twin Cities metro area. Over 1,000 companies were invited to participate. Rankings were composite scores calculated purely on the basis of employee responses to a workplace survey.

The Star Tribune Top Workplaces special section was published in the Star Tribune on Sunday, June 20. The report can also be found at www.startribune.com/topworkplaces.

ABOUT GRACO

Graco Inc. supplies technology and expertise for the management of fluids in both industrial and commercial applications. It designs, manufactures and markets systems and equipment to move, measure, control, dispense and spray fluid materials. Minneapolis-based Graco serves customers around the world in the manufacturing, processing, construction and maintenance industries. For more information about the company, please visit www.graco.com

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