

Macpherson Donald G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Macpherson Donald G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GRAINGER W W INC [GWW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/20/2019

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/20/2019		A ⁽¹⁾		3,302	A	\$ 0	45,848	D
Common Stock	02/20/2019		F		985	D	\$ 314.65	44,863	D
Common Stock	02/21/2019		S ⁽²⁾		1,255	D	\$ 309.6267	43,608	D
Common Stock	02/21/2019		S ⁽²⁾		1,062	D	\$ 310.5142	42,546	D

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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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 204.01							04/25/2015	04/24/2022	Common Stock	16,923
Stock Option	\$ 245.86							04/24/2016	04/23/2023	Common Stock	15,741
Stock Option	\$ 248.22							04/30/2017	04/29/2024	Common Stock	12,266
Stock Option	\$ 231.88							04/01/2018	03/31/2025	Common Stock	14,380
Stock Option	\$ 234.38							04/01/2019	03/31/2026	Common Stock	23,827
Stock Option	\$ 231.2							04/03/2020	04/02/2027	Common Stock	36,415
Stock Option	\$ 276.64							04/02/2021	04/01/2028	Common Stock	46,063

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Macpherson Donald G 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

Hugo Dubovoy, Jr., as
attorney-in-fact

02/22/2019

__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).
- Performance vested stock units ("PSUs"), granted on January 1, 2016. The Company's performance over the three-year period ended December 31, 2018 achieved a payout equal to 97 percent of the 2016 PSU program target, as approved by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), acting in executive session with only independent directors participating, on February 20, 2019, upon the earlier determination and recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board.
- (1) Transaction pursuant to a previously adopted Rule 10b5-1 trading program.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$309.14 to \$310.07, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide W.W. Grainger, Inc., any security holder of W.W. Grainger, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (3) and (4) to this Form 4.
 - (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$310.17 to \$310.93, inclusive.

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