

Macpherson Donald G  
Form 4  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP, Global Supply Chain

100 GRAINGER PARKWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/13/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	A \$ 81.49	29,016	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D \$ 191.01	28,816	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D \$ 191.02	28,716	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D \$ 191.3	28,516	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D \$ 191.49	28,416	D

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Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.51	28,316	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.54	28,216	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.55	28,116	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.56	28,016	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.58	27,916	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.61	27,816	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.62	27,716	D
Common Stock	12/13/2012	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 191.64	27,616	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 81.49	12/13/2012		<u>M</u> (1)	3,000	04/29/2012 04/28/2019	Common Stock	3,000
Option	\$ 108.15					04/28/2013 04/27/2020	Common Stock	29,000
Option	\$ 149.02					04/27/2014 04/26/2021	Common Stock	24,876
Option	\$ 204.01					04/25/2015 04/24/2022	Common Stock	16,923

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Macpherson Donald G 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201			Sr. VP, Global Supply Chain	

## Signatures

Aimee M. Nolan, as  
attorney-in-fact

12/14/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) Transaction pursuant to a previously adopted Rule 10b5-1 trading program.

### Remarks:

This is the first of two Forms 4 to report all December 13, 2012 transactions for the reporting person.  
Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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