STUMP DENISE Form 4

January 29, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STUMP DENISE

(First)

(Middle)

Symbol

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [SMG]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE GRO 01/26/2018 CO, 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(City) (State) (Zip)

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Conversion

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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6. Ownership

Form: Direct

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

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(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Issuer

below)

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

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Owned

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day	(Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2018		A	22.261	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Shares	22.261	\$ 10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STUMP DENISE C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE GRO CO 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

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Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Denise S. Stump 01/29/2018

**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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one common share of Issuer or the cash value thereof.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Issuer. The reporting person may transfer his/her phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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