

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

Form 4

October 24, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SANDERS BARRY W

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO  
[SMG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
President and COO

C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO  
COMPANY, 14111 SCOTSLAWN  
ROAD

(Street)

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

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

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Shares                      |                                         |                                                             | Code V                               | Amount (D) Price                                                           | 632.7194                                                                                                           | I                                                                    | By DSPP                                                           |

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D<br>S<br>(I               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                 |                               |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 36.69<br>(1)                                                    | 10/22/2014(1)                           |                                                             | J(1)                                 |                                                                                                                 | 808<br>(2)                                                     | 10/11/2009 10/11/2016                                               | Common<br>Shares 808 (2)      |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 36.86<br>(1)                                                    | 10/22/2014(1)                           |                                                             | J(1)                                 |                                                                                                                 | 1,043<br>(2)                                                   | 11/07/2010 11/06/2017                                               | Common<br>Shares 1,043<br>(2) |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 39.58<br>(1)                                                    | 10/22/2014(1)                           |                                                             | J(1)                                 |                                                                                                                 | 993<br>(2)                                                     | 01/20/2013 01/17/2020                                               | Common<br>Shares 993 (2)      |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 49.19<br>(1)                                                    | 10/22/2014(1)                           |                                                             | J(1)                                 |                                                                                                                 | 2,438<br>(2)                                                   | 01/21/2014 01/20/2021                                               | Common<br>Shares 2,438<br>(2) |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 45.32<br>(1)                                                    | 10/22/2014(1)                           |                                                             | J(1)                                 |                                                                                                                 | 2,359<br>(2)                                                   | 01/20/2015 01/19/2022                                               | Common<br>Shares 2,359<br>(2) |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                          | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| SANDERS BARRY W<br>C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY<br>14111 SCOTTS LAWN ROAD<br>MARYSVILLE, OH 43041 |               |           | President<br>and COO |       |

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Barry W. Sanders

10/24/2014

\*\*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).

Reflects adjustment approved by the Compensation Committee on 10/22/14 to previously granted stock option awards under the Issuer's equity-based compensation plans in connection with the special dividend of \$2.00 per Issuer Common Share payable on 9/17/14 to shareholders of record at the close of business on 9/3/14. The exercise price of the stock options that remained outstanding as of 10/22/14 was adjusted to maintain the same ratio of exercise price to fair market value of the underlying common shares immediately before and immediately after the adjustment. Fair market value was established by comparing the volume weighted average share price measured on 8/28/14, the day before the ex-dividend date (\$60.5792), with that measured on 8/29/14, the ex-dividend date (\$57.5973). The number of stock options subject to each award was increased as necessary to ensure the total intrinsic value of the award was the same immediately before and immediately after the adjustment.

- (1)
- (2) The number shown includes the number of additional stock options resulting from the adjustment to each of the previously granted stock option awards.

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