

SANDERS BARRY W  
 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 \*  
 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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and COO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY, 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2012

(Street)  
 MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/16/2012                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 21.65  | 31,945.008   | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   | 02/16/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 47.81  | 26,394.008   | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   | 02/16/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 47.8   | 28,545.008   | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   | 02/16/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 47.83  | 28,596.008   | D                                 |
|                                 | 02/16/2012                           |  | S                              | D   |   | 28,245.008   | D                                 |

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Common Shares \$ 47.82

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 21.65   | 02/16/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,200   | 10/08/2011 10/05/2018                                    | Common Shares   | 3,200                         |

## 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 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD<br>MARYSVILLE, OH 43041 |               |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Barry W. Sanders 02/21/2012

\_\_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).
- Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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