

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HAGEDORN JAMES**

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  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman and CEO

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

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

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**MARYSVILLE, OH 43041**

(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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Shares	11/30/2016		J	V	24,3487	A	\$ 82.14	7,750.2032	D	
Common Shares	12/09/2016		J	V	28.9236	A	\$ 96.1605	7,779.1268	D	
Common Shares	12/11/2016		M		30,131	A	Ⓣ	37,910.1268	D	
Common Shares	12/12/2016		F		14,147	D	\$ 96	23,763.1268	D	
								42,288.998	I	

Common Shares						By 401(K) Plan
Common Shares		1,880,791	I			HPLP <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/11/2016		M	30,131	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Shares 30,131
Phantom Stock	<u>(4)</u>	12/09/2016		A	393.715	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Shares 393.715

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAGEDORN JAMES C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041	X	X	Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for James Hagedorn  
12/13/2016  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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).

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- (1) Restricted stock units convert into common shares of the Issuer ("Common Shares") on a one-for-one basis.

Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(a)(1), the reporting person may be deemed, solely for purposes of determining whether he is a beneficial owner of more than 10% of the Common Shares, to be the beneficial owner of the securities of the Issuer that are held by

- (2) Hagedorn Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership in which the reporting person is a general partner (the "Partnership"). Represents the aggregate proportionate interest of the reporting person and those family members in whose holdings he may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest, in Common Shares held by the Partnership.
- (3) On December 11, 2013, the reporting person was granted 30,131 restricted stock units, vesting on December 11, 2016.
- (4) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one Common Share or the cash value thereof.
- (5) 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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