

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO  
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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 \*  
Johnson Stephen L

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)

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

01/29/2016

(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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Shares	01/29/2016		A	V	2,476	A	\$ 0	12,917	D
Common Shares	01/29/2016		A		92	A	\$ 68.68	13,009	D
Common Shares	01/31/2016		M		1,173	A	(2)	14,182	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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	143	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Co S
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	127	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Co S
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	141	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Co S
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	162	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Co S
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	153	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Co S
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	159	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Co S
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	141	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Co S
Deferred Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	123	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	Co S
Dividend	<u>(2)</u>	01/31/2016		M	24	<u>(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)</u>	<u>(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)</u>	Co

Equivalent  
Rights

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Stephen L C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041	X			

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Stephen L. Johnson	02/02/2016
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) The Deferred Stock Units was issued to the reporting person in lieu of retainer in the amount of \$6,250.
  - (2) Deferred stock units convert into common shares of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis.
  - (3) On January 21, 2011, the reporting person was granted 146 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.
  - (4) On April 1, 2011, the reporting person was granted 130 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.
  - (5) On July 1, 2011, the reporting person was granted 144 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.
  - (6) On October 3, 2011, the reporting person was granted 165 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.
  - (7) On January 18, 2013, the reporting person was granted 156 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.
  - (8) On April 1, 2013, the reporting person was granted 162 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.
  - (9) On July 1, 2013, the reporting person was granted 144 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.
  - (10) On October 1, 2013, the reporting person was granted 126 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 31, 2016.

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