STUMP DENISE Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STUMP DENISE

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

(Check all applicable)

[SMG]

(Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

____ Director ____ 10% Owner __X_ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

01/28/2019 below) below) below) EVP, Global Human Resources

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

(Street)

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Shares

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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Person

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of
Securities
Beneficially
Owned
Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price Common

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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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. Number of orDerivative 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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>	01/28/2019		A	105.17	(3)	(3)	Common Shares	105.17	\$ 7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

EVP, Global Human Resources

Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Denise S. Stump 01/31/2019

**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) Includes 179.002 shares previously held through the Phantom Stock which were distributed to the reporting person on January 7, 2019 and are now owned directly.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one common share of Issuer or the cash value thereof.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Excludes 179.002 shares previously held through the Phantom Stock which were distributed to the reporting person on January 7, 2019 and are now owned directly.

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