

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STUMP DENISE

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
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Global Human Resources

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

(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 or Disposed of (A) or (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|-------------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Shares | 02/28/2017 | | J | V | 6.1297 | A | \$ 81.57 | 19,403.462 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/10/2017 | | J | V | 7.7692 | A | \$ 91.67 | 19,411.2312 | 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 | 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 03/10/2017 | | A | 23,574 | (2) (2) | Common Shares | 23.574 \$ 9 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

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Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Denise S. Stump

03/14/2017

**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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one common share of Issuer or the cash value thereof.

(2) 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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