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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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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

Symbol

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [SMG]

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/28/2018

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

EVP, Global Human Resources

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Table I. Non-Desiration Constitute Assuring Dispersed of an Desirable Constitution

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------|--|-------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4) | f (D) | uired (A) or | 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) |
| Common Shares | 02/28/2018 | | J | · | 6.5479 | A | \$ 76.36 | 16,609.575 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/09/2018 | | J | V | 11.9574 | A | \$ 92.3727 | 16,621.5324 | 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)

| 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exercisable and | | 7. Title and Amount of | | 8. Pr |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionDerivative | | Expiration Date | | Underlying Securities | | Deri |
| or Exercise | | any | Code Securities | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Secu |
| Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) | | | | | (Inst |
| Derivative | | | | or Disposed of | | | | | |
| Security | | | | (D) | | | | | |
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| | | | | and 5) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | - | Title | | |
| | | | | | | Date | | | |
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | of Shares | |
| | | | | | | | Common | | |
| <u>(1)</u> | 03/09/2018 | | A | 30.456 | (2) | (2) | | 30.456 | \$ 9 |
| | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security (Month/Day/Year) | or Exercise any Price of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security | Conversion or Exercise any Code Price of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Security Code V | Conversion or Exercise Price of Perivative Security Execution Date, if any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Price of Security Expiration Date, if any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Date Exercisable Code V (A) (D) | Conversion or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) Price of Privative Security Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date Code V (A) (D) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Price of Security Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Common | Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price of Price of Derivative Security Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) A 30 456 (2) (2) Common 30 456 |

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 03/13/2018

**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.
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