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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### **WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

## FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2006

#### THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

OHIO 1-13292 31-1414921

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation) File Number)

14111 SCOTTSLAWN RD 43041

MARYSVILLE, OHIO

(Address of principal executive (Zip Code)

offices)

(937) 644-0011

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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## Item 2.02. Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On October 26, 2006, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company issued a News Release concerning information regarding its results of operations and financial condition for the three and twelve month periods ended September 30, 2006. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The News Release includes the following non-GAAP financial measures as defined in Regulation G: (1) adjusted net income, (2) adjusted diluted income per share and (3) EBITDA. The Registrant s management believes that the disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors or other users of the financial statements, such as lenders. As to adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per share, impairment, restructuring and other charges are excluded as these items typically relate to costs or gains for discrete projects or transactions related to the closure, downsizing or divestiture of certain operations that are apart from and not indicative of the results of the operations of the business. The presentation of EBITDA is provided as a convenience to the Registrant s lenders because EBITDA is a component of certain debt compliance covenants. EBITDA, as defined by the Registrant's credit facility, is calculated as net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as well as certain other items such as the impact of discontinued operations, the cumulative effect of changes in accounting, costs associated with debt refinancing, and other non-recurring, non-cash items effecting income. The Registrant's calculation of EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations as determined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Registrant makes no representation or assertion that EBITDA is indicative of its cash flows from operations or results of operations. The Registrant has provided a reconciliation of EBITDA to net income solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation G and not as an indication that EBITDA is a substitute measure for income from operations.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of business acquired Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information Not applicable
- (c) Shell Company transactions: Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News Release issued on October 26, 2006

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## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunder duly authorized.

## THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

By: /s/ David C. Evans
David C. Evans
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 26, 2006

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