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 Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/08/2017

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(Check all applicable)

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

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

(Street)

(First)

ROAD

Common

Shares

(Last)

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

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

(City) (State)

12/08/2017

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) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of TransactionDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

V 10.6344

Securities Ownership of Indirect Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I)

(Instr. 4)

D

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

102.474

Code V Amount

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)

7. Nature

Beneficial

(9-02)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	ve Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ŕ	· ·		(Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phanton Stock	m <u>(1)</u>	12/08/2017		A	26.614	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	26.614	\$ 10

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 12/12/2017

**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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