

SANDERS BARRY W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SANDERS BARRY W

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 \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 (A) or Disposed of (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 28,745.008  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 391.2142  | I  | By DSPP                           |

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 (Instr. 8) | 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) |                 |               |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 47.66   | 01/20/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 45,124   |     | 01/20/2015  | 01/19/2022      | Common Shares | 45,124                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 01/20/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 10,387   |     | (2)   | (2)             | Common Shares | 10,387                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| SANDERS BARRY W<br>C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY<br>14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD<br>MARYSVILLE, OH 43041 |               |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Barry W. Sanders 01/24/2012

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).

The restricted stock units were granted, together with an equal number of related dividend equivalents, under The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan"), and subject to the terms and conditions of an individual award agreement. Each whole restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one common share of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. Each dividend equivalent represents the right to receive cash in respect of dividends that are declared and paid during the period beginning on the grant date and ending on the settlement date with respect to the common share of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company represented by the related restricted stock unit.

(1) The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest on January 20, 2015. Subject to the terms of the 2006 Plan, vested restricted stock units (2) will be settled in common shares of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company as soon as administratively practicable, but no later than 90 days, following vesting.

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