

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HAGEDORN KATHERINE  
LITTLEFIELD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO  
[SMG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                   | 01/18/2016                           |  | M                              | 3,010 A   | 5,691   | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,861,281   | I  | HPLP (2)                          |

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) | 8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares    |
| Deferred Stock Units                       | <u>(1)</u>   | 01/18/2016                           |  | M                              | 2,944   | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                    | Common Shares   | 2,944                         |
| Dividend Equivalent Rights                 | <u>(1)</u>   | 01/18/2016                           |  | M                              | 66  | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>                                    | Common Shares   | 66                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HAGEDORN KATHERINE LITTLEFIELD<br>C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY<br>14111 SCOTTS LAWN ROAD<br>MARYSVILLE, OH 43041 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Katherine Hagedorn Littlefield 01/21/2016

\_\_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) Deferred stock units convert into common shares of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis.

Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(a)(1), the reporting person may be deemed, solely for purposes of determining whether she is a beneficial owner of more than 10% of the common shares of the Issuer ("Common Shares"), to be the beneficial owner of the securities of the Issuer that are held by Hagedorn Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership in which the reporting person is a general partner (the "Partnership"). Represents the aggregate proportionate interest of the reporting person and those family members in whose holdings she may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest, in Common Shares held by the Partnership.

(3) On January 18, 2013, the reporting person was granted 3,010 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 18, 2016.

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