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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [ SMG ] **SHERN STEPHANIE M** Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 01/22/2010 C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person MARYSVILLE OH 43041 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Execution Date. Transaction Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Code (Instr. 5) Beneficially Beneficial Owned Following 8) Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) ٧ Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature Derivative of Indirect Derivative Conversion **Execution Date** Transaction Expiration Date Amount of derivative Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Derivative Securities Security Securities Form: Beneficial if any (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) 8) Underlying (Instr. 5) Price of Securities Beneficially Ownership Acquired Derivative Security Owned Following or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

## Explanation of Responses:

(1)

Deferred

Stock Units

Security

1. The deferred 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 deferred 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 additional deferred stock units 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 deferred stock unit.

Exercisable

(2)

(A) or Disposed

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4

and 5)

(A)

(D)

2. The deferred stock units will become 100% vested on January 22, 2013, subject to earlier vesting or forfeiture in accordance with the terms of the award agreement. Subject to the terms of the 2006 Plan, vested deferred stock units will be settled in a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable, but no later than 90 days, following the earliest to occur of: (i) the reporting person's cessation of service as a director of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company; (ii) the reporting person's death; (iii) the date the reporting person becomes totally disabled; or (iv) the fifth anniversary of the grant date (January 22, 2015).

> Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-infact for Stephanie M. Shern

Amount Number

**Shares** 

2,742

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Title

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Shares

Expiration

(2)

Date

01/26/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4)

2,742

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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The undersigned officer and/or director of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints each of Chris Crowder, James Turoff and Kathy L. Uttley, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to:

- 1) execute for, in the name of and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the securities of the Company beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder and Form 144 with respect to the securities of the Company beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");
- 2) do and perform any and all acts for, in the name of and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 or such Form 144, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file any such form (and any such amendment or amendments) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the above-named attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the 1934 Act and/or Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 or Form 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the above-named attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 12th day of March, 2009.

/s/ Stephanie M. Shern Signature

Stephanie M. Shern Print Name