FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Johnson Michelle A</u>   |   |  |   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [ SMG ] |    |         |       |  |            |   |   |                                   | ck all appl<br>Direct                               | or  | g Per  | 10% O   | wner  |        |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|----|---------|-------|--|------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY   |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2015 |  |   |    |         |       |  |            |   |   | Office<br>below                   | r (give title<br>)                                  |   | Other (<br>below)  | specify   |   |        |
| 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD  (Street)  MARYSVILLE OH 43041   |   |  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |    |         |       |  |            |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person |                                   |   |   |  |   |   |        |
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|  |   | Tab  | le I - Non  | -Deriv   | ative   | Se | curiti  | es Ad | cquired  | Dis        | posed   | of, or B  | enefi                             | cially  | Owne  | d  |   |   |        |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)  |   |  |   |  | Execution   |    | on Date | Code  | 4. Secur<br>Dispose<br>de (Instr. 5)                           |            | rities Acquired (A)<br>ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |   |                                   | 5. Amou<br>Securiti<br>Benefic<br>Owned<br>Reporte  | ies For<br>ially (D)<br>Following (I)           |  | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4)                                | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |        |
|  |   |  |   |  |   |    | Code    | v     | Amoun  | (A) or (D) |   | rice  | Transac<br>(Instr. 3              | tion(s)   |   |  |   |   |        |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |   |  |   |    |         |       |  |            |   |   |                                   |   |   |  |   |   |        |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                                   |    | n of    |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |            |   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)     |                                   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>/ Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                             |        |
|  |   |  |   | C  | Code  | v  | (A)     | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisal  |            | xpiration<br>ate                              | Title   | Amor<br>or<br>Numl<br>of<br>Share | per   |   |  |   |   |        |
| Dividend<br>Equivalent<br>Rights   | (1)   | 12/10/2015                                 |   |  | A   |    | 28      |       | (1)  |            | (1)   | Common<br>Shares  | 28                                | 3   | \$0   | 89   |   | D   |        |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The dividend equivalent rights accrued on DSU grants and become exercisable proportionately with the DSUs to which they relate. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one common share of the Issuer.

<u>Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-</u> fact for Michelle A. Johnson

12/14/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- \*\* 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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