Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SANDERS BARRY W				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [ SMG ]									eck all applic Directo	cable)	g Perso	. ,	to Issuer 0% Owner	
	E SCOTTS	irst) MIRACLE-GRO	(Middle)  COMPA	NY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/08/2008								X Officer (give title Other (specification)  EVP, North America				pecify	
(Street)  MARYS  (City)	VILLE O	Н	43041 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 10/10/2008							Line	e) <mark>X</mark> Form fi Form fi	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
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Date

10/08/2011

(D)

28,000

Expiration

10/05/2018

Title

Common

Shares

Explanation of Responses:

\$21.65

Stock Option

(right to

<u>Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Barry W. Sanders</u>

of Shares

28,000

\$<mark>0</mark>

10/14/2008

28,000

D

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

 $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

10/08/2008

\*\* 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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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned officer and/or director of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints each of David M. Aronowitz, Andrew B. Coogle and Kathy L. Uttley, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1) execute for 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 (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 (the "Securities Act"));
- 2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 (or Form 144), complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file any such form 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 or 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 29th day of January, 2007.

/s/ Barry W. Sanders Signature

Barry W. Sanders Print Name