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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DeMuesy Julie</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD (Street) MARYSVILLE OH 43041 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2023 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [SMG]</u> | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <u>SVP, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES</u> | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Common Shares | 16,442 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/05/2024 | 02/05/2031 | Common Shares | 1,571 | 236.53 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/04/2025 | 11/04/2032 | Common Shares | 10,026 | 50.4 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Julie DeMuesy 10/04/2023
 ** 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 5 (b)(v).

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