FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Washington, D.C. 20349

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KELLY THOMAS N JR				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [ SMG ]										k all appl Direct	or	g Pers	10% O	wner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2018										Office below	r (give title )		Other ( below)	specify		
14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD  (Street)  MARYSVILLE OH 43041				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	′						
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)											Person					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,			, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) o ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte	ies For cially (D) Following (I) (		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pri	ice	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)
	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 Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Date, T	ransaction of Code (Instr. Derivative		rative rities iired r osed )	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		De Se (Ir	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					
Dividend Equivalent Rights	(1)	09/10/2018			A		49		(1)		(1)	Common Shares	49		\$76.88	292		D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The dividend equivalent rights accrued on DSU or RSU grants and become exercisable proportionately with the DSUs or RSUs 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 Thomas N. Kelly Jr.

09/12/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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