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FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 2, 2006 (January 26, 2006)

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-13292
(Commission File Number)

31-1414921
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

14111 Scottslawn Road, Marysville, Ohio 43041

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(937) 644-0011

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

(1) The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Discounted Stock Purchase Plan

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (the “Company”) held on January 26, 2006 (the “2006 Annual Meeting”), the amendment and restatement of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Discounted Stock Purchase Plan (the “Discounted Stock Purchase Plan”) was approved by the Company’s shareholders. The following description of the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan, as approved by the Company’s shareholders, is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual terms of the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan, which is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1. This amended and restated Discounted Stock Purchase Plan extends participation to non-U.S.-based employees of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. The Discounted Stock Purchase Plan provides a means for employees of the Company and any subsidiary of the Company designated for participation in the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan to authorize payroll deductions on a voluntary basis to be used for the periodic purchase of common shares of the Company.

All employees participating in the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan have equal rights and privileges. Under the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan, eligible employees are able to purchase common shares at a price (the “Purchase Price”) equal to at least 90% of the fair market value of the common shares of the Company at the end of the applicable offering period.

The maximum number of common shares that may be purchased under the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan is 300,000 common shares (as adjusted for the 2-for-1 stock split of the Company’s common shares distributed on November 9, 2005), subject to adjustment for changes in the capitalization of the Company. Common shares purchased under the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan may be either authorized but unissued shares or treasury shares.

The Discounted Stock Purchase Plan is administered by a committee (the “DSPP Committee”) appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”). The DSPP Committee establishes the number of common shares that may be acquired during each offering period and administers procedures through which eligible employees may enroll in the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan. The Discounted Stock Purchase Plan provides that each offering period will consist of one calendar month, unless a different period is established by the DSPP Committee and announced to eligible employees before the beginning of the applicable offering period.

Any U.S.-based full-time or permanent part-time employee of the Company, or a designated subsidiary of the Company, who has reached age 18, is not a seasonal employee (as determined by the DSPP Committee), has been an employee for at least 15 days before the first day of the applicable offering period and agrees to comply with the terms of the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan is eligible to participate in the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan. Upon enrollment, a participant must elect the rate at which the participant will make payroll contributions for the purchase of common shares. Elections may be in an amount of not less than \$10 (U.S. dollars) per offering period or

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more than \$24,000 per fiscal year of the Company, unless the DSPP Committee specifies different minimum and/or maximum amounts at the beginning of the offering period. The contribution rate elected by a participant will continue in effect until modified by the participant.

A participant's contributions are credited to the plan account maintained on the participant's behalf. On the last day of each offering period, the value of each participant's plan account will be divided by the Purchase Price established for that offering period. Each participant is deemed to have purchased the number of whole and fractional common shares produced by this calculation. As promptly as practicable after the end of each offering period, the Company delivers the common shares purchased by a participant during that offering period to the custodian for the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan for deposit into that participant's custodial account.

Common shares acquired through the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan are held in a participant's Custodial Account (and may not be sold) until the earlier of (1) the beginning of the offering period following the date the participant terminates employment with the Company and its subsidiaries, (2) 12 full calendar months beginning after the end of the offering period in which the common shares were purchased or (3) the date on which a change in control affecting the Company occurs. Upon any such event, all whole common shares and cash held in a participant's custodial account will be made available to the participant under procedures developed by the custodian for the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan. Any fractional common shares that are to be withdrawn from a custodial account will be distributed in cash equal to the fair market value of the fractional common share on the termination date.

Participants are entitled to vote the number of whole and fractional common shares credited to their respective custodial accounts.

For additional information about the Discounted Stock Purchase Plan, please refer to "PROPOSAL NUMBER 2 - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY DISCOUNTED STOCK PURCHASE PLAN" on pages 36 through 41 of the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 20, 2005 (the "2006 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement"), which is incorporated herein by reference.

(2) The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan

At the Company's 2006 Annual Meeting, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan") was approved by the Company's shareholders. The 2006 Plan authorizes the grant or award of (i) incentive stock options ("ISOs") intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"); (ii) non-qualified stock options ("NSOs"); (iii) stock appreciation rights ("SARs"); (iv) restricted stock; (v) restricted stock units; (vi) performance shares; (vii) performance units; (viii) cash-based awards; and (ix) other stock-based awards not described by one of the foregoing awards (collectively, the "2006 Plan Awards").

The 2006 Plan is intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to 2006 Plan Awards granted to employees who are or who may become a "covered employee" as defined in Section 162(m). The following description of the 2006 Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual terms of the 2006 Plan, which is filed with this

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Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.2. For additional information about the 2006 Plan, please refer to “PROPOSAL NUMBER 3 - APPROVAL OF THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 2006 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN” on pages 41 through 55 of the 2006 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

All employees, directors and third party service providers are eligible to participate in the 2006 Plan. For purposes of the 2006 Plan, an “employee” means any individual who performs services for and is designated as an employee of the Company, an “Affiliate” of the Company (as defined in the 2006 Plan) or a “Subsidiary” of the Company (as defined in the 2006 Plan) on the payroll records of the relevant entity; a “director” means any individual who is a member of the Company’s Board; and a “third party service provider” means any consultant, agent, advisor or independent contractor who renders services to the Company, a Subsidiary of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company, which services (a) are not in connection with the offer or sale of the Company’s securities in a capital raising transaction and (b) do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Company’s securities.

Subject to certain adjustments as described in the 2006 Plan and under the caption “Adjustments” on page 51 of the 2006 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement, the maximum number of common shares of the Company available for grant to participants (the “Share Authorization”), will be 11,969,546. In addition to the overall Share Authorization under the 2006 Plan, (i) no more than 3,000,000 common shares may be subject to 2006 Plan Awards other than ISOs, NSOs or SARs, and which may be settled by issuance of common shares; (ii) no more than 6,000,000 common shares may be issued pursuant to ISOs granted under the 2006 Plan; and (iii) no more than 1,000,000 common shares may be subject to 2006 Plan Awards made to non-employee directors. Common shares available for issuance under the 2006 Plan may be authorized and unissued common shares or treasury shares.

The 2006 Plan is administered by the Compensation and Organization Committee of the Company’s Board. The Compensation and Organization Committee has the power in its discretion to interpret the terms and intent of the 2006 Plan, determine eligibility for 2006 Plan Awards granted to participants other than non-employee directors of the Company and take action as it deems necessary or proper for the administration of the 2006 Plan. The Compensation and Organization Committee has the authority to select 2006 Plan Award recipients (other than non-employee directors of the Company), establish 2006 Plan Award terms and conditions and grant 2006 Plan Awards as an alternative to or as the form of payment for grants or rights earned or due under compensation plans or arrangements of the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates. The Board of the Company will determine all 2006 Plan Awards granted to non-employee directors of the Company.

In the event of a “change in control”, as described on page 49 of the 2006 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement, each option and SAR (other than options and SARs of non-employee directors of the Company) outstanding on the date of the change of control will be cancelled in exchange either for cash equal to the excess of the change in control price as defined below over the exercise price or grant price, as applicable, of the cancelled option or SAR or, in the discretion of the Compensation and Organization Committee, for whole common shares with a fair market value equal to the excess of the change in control price over the exercise price or grant price, as applicable, of the cancelled option or SAR plus cash equal to the value of any fractional common share.

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The Compensation and Organization Committee (in the case of 2006 Plan Awards granted to participants other than non-employee directors of the Company) or the Company's Board (in the case of 2006 Plan Awards granted to non-employee directors) may specify in an award agreement that the participant's rights, payments and benefits with respect to an 2006 Plan Award will be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or recoupment upon the occurrence of specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of the 2006 Plan Award. These events are described under the caption "Forfeiture Events" on page 50 of the 2006 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement.

On January 27, 2006, consistent with the automatic grants which had previously been made under the Prior Plans, non-employee directors of the Company received discretionary grants of NSOs to purchase 10,000 common shares at an exercise price equal to the \$49.55 fair market value of the underlying common shares on the grant date. Non-employee directors who are members of one or more committees of the Board received NSOs to purchase an additional 1,000 common shares for each committee on which they serve. Additionally, non-employee directors who chair a committee received options to purchase an additional 2,000 common shares for each committee they chair. These NSOs will become exercisable on January 27, 2007 and remain exercisable until the earlier to occur of the tenth anniversary of the grant date or the first anniversary of the date of the non-employee director ceases to be a member of the Company's Board. However, if the non-employee director ceases to be a member of the Board after having been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony, his or her NSOs granted under the 2006 Plan will be cancelled on the date he or she ceases to be a director. If the non-employee director ceases to be a member of the Company's Board after having retired after serving at least one full term, his or her NSOs will remain exercisable for a period of five years following retirement subject to the stated term of the NSOs.

The following non-employee directors of the Company were granted NSOs covering the number of common shares shown beside their respective names:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Common Shares Subject to NSOs Granted on 1/27/06</u>
Mark A. Baker	14,000
Gordon F. Brunner	14,000
Arnold W. Donald	13,000
Joseph P. Flannery	12,000
Mindy F. Grossman	12,000
Katherine Hagedorn Littlefield	12,000
Karen G. Mills	14,000
Patrick J. Norton	11,000
Stephanie M. Shern	13,000
John Walker, Ph.D.	11,000

A specimen form of the award agreement used to evidence grants under the 2006 Plan of time-based NSOs (i.e., NSOs which become exercisable on dates to

be specified in the award agreement) to non-employee directors of the Company is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.3 and incorporated by reference.

(3) The Scotts Company LLC Executive/Management Incentive Plan

At the Company's 2006 Annual Meeting, The Scotts Company LLC Executive/Management Incentive Plan (the "Executive Incentive Plan") was approved by the Company's shareholders. The Executive Incentive Plan is a performance-based compensation plan as defined in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Executive Incentive Plan provides annual cash awards to the executive officers and management of the Company based upon the Company's achievement of established financial targets. The following description of the Executive Incentive Plan, is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual terms of the Executive Incentive Plan, which is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.4. For additional information about the Executive Incentive Plan, please refer to "PROPOSAL NUMBER 4 - APPROVAL OF THE SCOTTS COMPANY LLC EXECUTIVE/MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PLAN" on pages 55 through 57 of the 2006 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

All managers and more senior level employees (including executive officers of the Company) of The Scotts Company LLC and all "affiliates" and "subsidiaries" as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 414(b) and (c) are eligible to participate upon recommendation by management and in the case of covered employees (as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m)) approval by the Compensation and Organization Committee. Participants must be actively employed in an eligible job/position for at least 13 consecutive weeks during the plan year (fiscal year). Participants must be employed on the last day of the fiscal year to be eligible for a payment under the Executive Incentive Plan. Participants whose employment terminates during the plan year (other than in cases of retirement) will not be eligible for any payment under the Executive Incentive Plan for that plan year.

The Executive Incentive Plan provides cash awards designed to recognize and reward performance against established financial targets. All award payouts are dependent upon the satisfaction of a consolidated net income threshold, also referred to as the "funding trigger", below which no incentives will be paid to any participant. The Plan design includes up to five standard performance measures from the list of available performance measures, below; an earnings "multiplier" that will reinforce the importance of earnings by modifying the performance results against all of the other goals; and the ability to tailor incentive measure weights to each particular group or unit reflecting the relative contribution that group or unit can make to those results.

Performance Measurements (measured over an established period) may include Net earnings or net income (before or after taxes); Earnings per share (basic or diluted); Net sales or revenue growth; Net operating profit; Return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, capital, invested capital, equity, sales, or revenue); Cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity, and cash flow return on investment) Earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, and/or amortization; Gross or operating margins; Productivity ratios; Share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total shareholder return); Expense targets; Margins; Operating efficiency; Market

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share; Customer satisfaction/service; Product Fill Rate percent (% of orders filled on first delivery) or All-In Fill Rate percent (% calculated dollar fill based on potential) times Inventory Turns; Working capital targets; Economic value added or EVA(R) (net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital); Developing new products and lines of revenue; Reducing operating expenses; Developing new markets; Meeting completion schedules; Developing and managing relationships with regulatory and other governmental agencies; Managing cash; Managing claims against the Company, including litigation; and Identifying and completing strategic acquisitions. Any Performance Measure(s) may be used to measure the performance of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate as a whole or any business unit of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate or any combination thereof, as the Committee may deem appropriate, or any of the above Performance Measures as compared to the performance of a group of comparator companies, or published or special index that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Performance above and below target performance goals is calculated incrementally so participants receive prorated payouts calculated on a straight-line basis.

The maximum amount of compensation that could be paid to any Participant in any plan year from the Executive Incentive Plan is \$2.5 million. All payments under the Executive Incentive Plan will be made by the 15th day of the third month following the close of the applicable plan year. Unless the Incentive Review Committee specifies otherwise, participants must execute an employee confidentiality, noncompetition, nonsolicitation agreement, which if breached will result in forfeiture of any future payment under the Executive Incentive Plan and are obliged to return to the Company any monies paid to the participant under this Executive Incentive Plan within the three years prior to breach.

The Compensation and Organization Committee of the Company's Board, the Head of Global Total Rewards and the Incentive Review Committee administer the Executive Incentive Plan. The Compensation and Organization Committee reviews the overall operation of the Executive Incentive Plan and is responsible for approving changes in the design of the Executive Incentive Plan, the payout percentage, additions or deletions of eligible associates, and payouts to all participants after written certification that performance measures have been met. The Head of Global Total Rewards is responsible for recommending to the Compensation and Organization Committee changes in the Executive Incentive Plan, as appropriate, payout targets, and additions or deletions to the list of associates eligible to participate in the Executive Incentive Plan. The Incentive Review Committee, which is comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, President, the Head of Human Resources and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, is responsible for approving the percentages by which financial measure vary from approved budgets and business unit financial performance results, adjudicating changes and adjustments, and recommending payouts under the Executive Incentive Plan to the Compensation and Organization Committee.

The Scotts Company LLC has reserved the right to suspend the Executive Incentive Plan, to withdraw the Executive Incentive Plan, and to make substantial alterations to the Executive Incentive Plan concept, subject to approval by the Compensation and Organization Committee. Prior to any such suspension, withdrawal or alteration, the Compensation and Organization Committee will consider the impact of such suspension, withdrawal or alteration, as the case may be, under the requirements of Section 162(m).

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- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired:
Not applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information:
Not applicable.
- (c) Shell company transactions:
Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits:

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

Dated: February 2, 2006

By: /s/ David M. Aronowitz

Printed Name: David M. Aronowitz

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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Dated February 2, 2006

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

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**THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY
DISCOUNTED STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

1.00 PURPOSE

This Plan is intended to foster and promote the Company's long-term financial success and to increase shareholder value by [1] providing Participants an opportunity to acquire an ownership interest in the Company and [2] enabling the Company to attract and retain the services of outstanding individuals upon whose judgment, interest and dedication the successful conduct of the Company's business is largely dependent.

2.00 DEFINITIONS

When used in this Plan, the following terms will have the meanings given to them in this section unless another meaning is expressly provided elsewhere in this document or clearly required by the context. When applying these definitions, the form of any term or word will include any of its other forms.

Act. The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Beneficiary. The person who has the right to receive (or exercise) any Plan benefits (or rights) that are unpaid (or unexercised) when the Participant dies.

Board. The Company's Board of Directors.

Change in Control. The occurrence of any of the following events:

[1] Any "person," including a "group" [as such terms are used in Act §§13(d) and 14(d)(2), but excluding the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, any employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. or any party related to Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. as determined by the Committee] is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing more than 30 percent of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities; or

[2] The adoption or authorization by the shareholders of the Company of a definitive agreement or a series of related agreements [a] for the merger or other business combination of the Company with or into another entity in which the shareholders of the Company immediately before the effective date of such merger or other business combination own less than 50 percent of the voting power in such entity; or [b] for the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; or

[3] The adoption by the shareholders of the Company of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or

[4] For any reason, Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. or any party related to Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. as determined by the Committee becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing more than 49 percent of the combined voting power of the Company’s then outstanding securities.

Code. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on the Effective Date or as amended or superseded after the Effective Date, and any regulations and applicable rulings issued under the Code.

Committee. The committee to which the Board delegates responsibility for administering the Plan.

Company. The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, an Ohio corporation, and any successor to it.

Custodial Account. The account established for each Participant to which the Company transfers shares of Stock acquired under the Plan.

Designated Subsidiary. Any Subsidiary that has been designated by the Committee as a Subsidiary whose Employees shall be eligible to participate in the Plan.

Effective Date. The date the Plan was originally adopted by the Board.

Eligible Employee. As of any Entry Date, **[1]** any U.S.-based regular full-time or permanent part-time Employee who **[a]** has reached age 18, **[b]** is not a seasonal employee (i.e., as determined by the Committee), **[c]** has been an Employee for at least 15 days before the applicable Entry Date, and **[d]** complies with Section 3.00 and other Plan provisions; and **[2]** any non-U.S.-based Employee of an Employer who **[a]** meets the eligibility criteria established by the Committee from time to time for non-U.S.-based Employees of such Employer and **[b]** complies with Section 3.00 and other Plan provisions.

Employee. Any person who, on an applicable Entry Date, is a common law employee of any Employer. A worker who is classified as other than a common law employee but who is subsequently reclassified as a common law employee of an Employer for any reason and on any basis will be treated as a common law employee from the first Entry Date that begins after the date of that determination and will not retroactively be reclassified as an Employee for any purpose of this Plan. The term “Employee” shall also include any person who provides services to the Company or a Subsidiary that are equivalent to those typically provided by an employee.

Employer. The Company and each Designated Subsidiary employing an Eligible Employee.

Entry Date. The first day of each Offering Period and the date that Purchase Rights are granted under the Plan for the ensuing Offering Period.

Fair Market Value. The value of one share of Stock on any relevant date, determined under the following rules:

[1] If the Stock is traded on an exchange, the reported “closing price” on the relevant date, if it is a trading day, otherwise on the next trading day;

[2] If the Stock is traded over-the-counter with no reported closing price, the mean between the lowest bid and the highest asked prices on that quotation system on the relevant date if it is a trading day, otherwise on the next trading day; or

[3] If neither of the preceding apply, the fair market value as determined by the Committee in good faith.

Offering Period. The period during which payroll deductions will be accumulated in Plan Accounts to fund the purchase of shares of Stock. Each Offering Period will consist of one calendar month, unless a different period is established by the Committee and announced to Eligible Employees before the beginning of the Offering Period.

Participant. Any Eligible Employee who complies with the conditions described in Section 3.00 for the current Offering Period.

Plan. The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Discounted Stock Purchase Plan (as Amended and Restated as of January 26, 2006). This program is not intended to comply with Code §§422 or 423.

Plan Account. The individual account established by the Committee for each Participant and to which all amounts described in Section 3.01[1][a] are credited until applied as described in Section 6.00.

Purchase Date. The last day of each Offering Period and the date on which shares of Stock are purchased in exchange for the Purchase Price.

Purchase Price. The price that each Participant must pay to purchase shares of Stock under this Plan but which may never be less than 90 percent of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on each Purchase Date (or the first trading day following the Purchase Date if the Purchase Date is not a trading date).

Purchase Right. The right to purchase shares of Stock subject to the terms of the Plan.

Stock. A common share, without par value, issued by the Company.

Subsidiary. Any corporation, partnership or other form of unincorporated entity of which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock, if the entity is a corporation; or of the capital or profits interest, if the entity is a partnership or another form of unincorporated entity.

Termination. Cessation of the employee-employer relationship between a Participant and each Employer for any reason. Also, a Participant will be treated as having Terminated on the date his or her employer is no longer an Employer.

3.00 PARTICIPATION

3.01 Enrollment.

[1] Each Eligible Employee may become a Participant for any Offering Period beginning after the date he or she complies with each of the following conditions:

[a] Authorizes the Employer to withhold a portion of his or her taxable compensation. This authorization will be made under rules developed by the Committee within the following limits: each authorization **[i]** must be stated in whole dollars, **[ii]** may not authorize or result in authorization of a deduction **[A]** less than the amount specified by the Committee (which may never be less than \$10.00 per pay period or **[B]** more than the amount specified by the Committee (which may never be more than, in the aggregate, \$24,000 for each Plan Year), **[iii]** must be signed by the enrolling Eligible Employee and **[iv]** must be delivered to the Committee within the period specified by the Committee.

[b] Complies with any other rules established by the Committee.

[2] By enrolling in the Plan, each Participant will be deemed to have **[a]** agreed to the terms of the Plan and **[b]** authorized the Employer to withhold from his or her compensation **[i]** the amounts authorized under Section 3.01[1][a] and **[ii]** any taxes and other amounts due in connection with any transaction contemplated by the Plan.

3.02 Duration of Election to Participate.

Subject to the terms of the Plan:

[1] Participants' withholding elections will be implemented beginning with the first payroll period with a paycheck date in the Offering Period for which it is filed and will remain in effect until revoked or changed under the rules described in Section 3.02[2].

[2] A Participant who elects to participate in the Plan for any Offering Period by complying with the rules described in Section 3.01 may change or revoke that election for any subsequent Offering Period but only by complying with the rules described in Section 3.01 as if the changed or revoked election were a new election. Any change to or revocation of an earlier election will be effective as of the first day of the first Offering Period beginning at least 15 calendar days after the revised election is delivered to the Committee and will remain in effect until revoked or changed under the rules described in this section.

3.03 *No Interest Paid.* No interest will be paid with respect to any amount credited to or held in any Plan Account.

4.00 ADMINISTRATION

4.01 *Committee Duties.*

[1] The Committee is responsible for administering the Plan and has all powers appropriate and necessary to that purpose. Consistent with the Plan's objectives, the Committee may adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, to the extent appropriate to protect the Company's interests and has complete discretion to make all other decisions necessary or advisable for the administration and interpretation of the Plan. The authority of the Committee specifically includes, without limitation, the power to make any changes to the Plan with respect to the participation of employees of any Designated Subsidiary that is organized under the laws of a country other than the United States of America when the Committee deems such changes to be necessary or appropriate to achieve a desired tax treatment in such non-U.S. jurisdiction or to comply with the laws applicable to such non-U.S. Subsidiaries. Such changes may include, without limitation, establishment of or modifications to eligibility criteria, maximum number or value of shares that may be purchased in a given period, or other requirements set forth herein; and procedural or administrative modifications. Any modification relating to offerings to a particular Designated Subsidiary will apply only to such Designated Subsidiary, and will apply equally to all similarly situated employees of such Designated Subsidiary. Any action by the Committee will be final, binding and conclusive for all purposes and upon all persons. The Committee is granted all powers appropriate and necessary to administer the Plan.

[2] Consistent with the terms of the Plan, the Committee:

[a] May exercise all discretion retained to it under the Plan;

[b] Will establish the number of shares of Stock that may be acquired during each Offering Period if the number available during any Offering Period is less than all remaining available shares determined under Section 5.02;

[c] May develop and impose other terms and conditions it believes are appropriate and necessary to implement the purposes of this Plan;

[d] Will establish and maintain a Plan Account for each Participant to which will be **[i]** credited with amounts described in Section 3.01[1][a] and **[ii]** debited with all amounts applied to purchase shares of Stock;

[e] Will establish a Custodial Account for each Participant which will be credited with shares of Stock until distributed as provided in Section 7.00;

[f] Will administer procedures through which Eligible Employees may enroll in the Plan;

[g] Will disseminate information about the Plan to Eligible Employees; and

[h] Will apply all Plan rules and procedures.

4.02 *Delegation of Ministerial Duties.* In its sole discretion, the Committee may delegate any ministerial duties associated with the Plan to any person (including employees) that it deems appropriate other than those duties described in Section 4.01[2][a], [b] and [c].

4.03 *General Limit on Committee.* Consistent with applicable law and Plan terms, the Plan will be administered in a manner that extends equal rights and privileges to all Participants.

5.00 OFFERING

5.01 *Right to Purchase.* Subject to Sections 5.02, 5.03 and 6.00, the number of shares of Stock that may be purchased during each Offering Period will be established by the Committee before the beginning of each Offering Period.

5.02 *Number of Shares of Stock.* Subject to Section 5.03, the aggregate number of shares of Stock that may be purchased under the Plan is 300,000.

5.03 *Adjustment in Capitalization.* If, after the Effective Date, there is a Stock dividend or Stock split, recapitalization (including payment of an extraordinary dividend), merger, consolidation, combination, spin-off, distribution of assets to shareholders, exchange of shares, or other similar corporate change affecting Stock, the Committee will appropriately adjust **[1]** the number of Purchase Rights that may or will be issued, **[2]** the aggregate number of shares of Stock available under Section 5.02 or subject to outstanding Purchase Rights (as well as any share-based limits imposed under this Plan), **[3]** the respective Purchase Price, number of shares and other limitations applicable to outstanding or subsequently issued Purchase Rights and **[4]** any other factors, limits or terms affecting any outstanding or subsequently issued Purchase Rights.

5.04 *Source of Stock.* Shares of Stock to be purchased under the Plan may, in the Committee's discretion, be newly issued shares or treasury shares previously acquired by the Company. Shares of authorized but unissued shares of Stock may not be delivered under the Plan if the Purchase Price is less than the par value of the Stock.

6.00 PURCHASE OF SHARES

6.01 *Purchase.*

[1] Throughout each Offering Period, the Employer will withhold from each Participant's regular payroll the amount the Participant has elected under Section

3.01[1][a]. These amounts will be held in the Participant's Plan Account until the Purchase Date.

[2] As of each Purchase Date and subject to the Plan's terms and limits, the value of each Participant's Plan Account will be divided by the Purchase Price established for that Offering Period and each Participant will be deemed to have purchased the number of whole and fractional shares of Stock produced by dividing the value of the Participant's Plan Account as of the Purchase Date by the Purchase Price. Simultaneously, the Participant's Plan Account will be charged for the amount of the purchase.

6.02 *Remaining Available Shares.*

[1] If application of the procedures described in Section 6.01 would result in the purchase of a number of shares of Stock larger than the number of shares of Stock offered during that Offering Period, the Committee will allocate available shares of Stock among Participants and any cash remaining in Participants' Plan Accounts will be credited to the next Offering Period and, subject to the terms of the Plan, applied along with additional amounts credited to that Offering Period to purchase shares of Stock during that Offering Period and at the Purchase Price established for that Offering Period.

[2] If application of the procedures described in Section 6.01 would result in the purchase of a number of shares of Stock less than the number of shares of Stock made available for purchase for any Offering Period, the excess shares of Stock will be available for purchase during any subsequent Offering Period.

6.03 *Delivery of Shares; Participants' Custodial Accounts.*

[1] At or as promptly as practicable after the end of each Offering Period, the Company will deliver the shares of Stock purchased by a Participant during that Offering Period to the custodian for deposit into that Participant's Custodial Account.

[2] Unless the Committee decides otherwise, cash dividends on any shares of Stock credited to a Participant's Custodial Account will be automatically reinvested in additional whole and fractional shares of Stock unless the Participant has affirmatively elected to receive the dividend in cash. All cash dividends credited to Participants' Custodial Accounts will be paid over by the Company to the custodian at the dividend payment date and all cash dividends to be paid to a Participant in cash will be distributed at the dividend payment date. Purchases of Stock for purposes of dividend reinvestment will be made as promptly as practicable (but not more than 30 days) after a dividend payment date. The custodian will make these purchases, as directed by the Committee, either [a] in transactions on any securities exchange upon which shares of Stock are traded, otherwise in the over-the-counter market, or in negotiated transactions, or [b] directly from the Company at 100 percent of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the dividend payment date. These shares will be distributed as provided in Section 7.00.

[3] Each Participant's Custodial Account will be credited with any shares of Stock distributed as a dividend or distribution in respect of shares of Stock credited to that Participant's Custodial Account or in connection with a split of Stock credited to that Participant's Custodial Account.

[4] As soon as reasonably practicable after receipt, the custodian will sell any noncash dividends (other than Stock) received with respect to any Stock held in a Participant's Custodial Account and apply the proceeds of that sale to purchase additional shares of Stock in the manner described in Section 6.03[2]. After this transaction is completed, the custodian will credit the purchased shares of Stock to the Custodial Account to which was credited the Stock with respect to which the noncash dividend was distributed.

[5] Each Participant will be entitled to vote the number of shares of Stock credited to his or her Custodial Account (including any fractional shares) on any matter as to which the approval of the Company's shareholders is sought. If a Participant does not vote or grant a valid proxy with respect to shares credited to his or her Custodial Account, those shares will be voted by the custodian in accordance with any stock exchange or other rules governing the custodian in the voting of shares held for customer accounts. Similar procedures will apply in the case of any consent solicitation of Company shareholders.

7.00 TERMINATION/DISTRIBUTION OF CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS

7.01 Effect of Termination on Election to Participate.

A Participant who Terminates will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Plan. Any cash amounts credited to his or her Plan Account for the Offering Period during which the Termination occurs will be used to purchase shares of Stock to be credited to his or her Plan Account. No shares of Stock will be purchased for that Participant for any Offering Period after the Offering Period during which he or she terminates.

7.02 Distribution of Custodial Accounts.

[1] Subject to Section 8.00, no later than the earlier of **[a]** 12 full calendar months beginning after the end of each Offering Period or **[b]** the beginning of the Offering Period following the date the Participant Terminates for any reason, all whole shares of Stock and cash held in his or her Custodial Account will be distributed to the Participant or transferred as the Participant elects and any fractional shares of Stock held in a Custodial Account will be converted to cash equal to the Fair Market Value of the fractional share on the Termination date.

[2] Shares of Stock held in Custodial Accounts that are to be distributed to a former Participant will be distributed in one or more certificates for whole shares issued in the name of and delivered to the Participant.

[3] Custodial Accounts that are to be transferred to a broker-dealer or financial institution that maintains an account for the Participant will be transferred in one or more certificates for whole shares, and cash in lieu of fractional shares will be paid directly to the former Participant as determined under Section 7.02[1].

[4] Any Participant that wants to withdraw or transfer shares of Stock must give instructions to the custodian in a form and manner that complies with rules prescribed by the Committee and the custodian.

8.00 MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR SIMILAR EVENT

If the Company undergoes a Change in Control, all shares of Stock and cash held in each Participant's Custodial Account will be made available under procedures developed by the Custodian and the Committee.

9.00 AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF PLAN

9.01 *Amendment, Modification, Termination of Plan.* The Plan will automatically terminate after all available shares have been sold. Also, the Board may terminate, suspend or amend the Plan at any time without shareholder approval except to the extent that shareholder approval is required to satisfy applicable requirements imposed by **[1]** Rule 16b-3 under the Act, or any successor rule or regulation, **[2]** applicable requirements of the Code or **[3]** any securities exchange, market or other quotation system on or through on which the Company's securities are listed or traded. Also, no Plan amendment may **[4]** result in the loss of a Committee member's status as a "non-employee director" as defined in Rule 16b-3 under the Act, or any successor rule or regulation, with respect to any employee benefit plan of the Company, **[5]** cause the Plan to fail to meet requirements imposed by Rule 16b-3 or **[6]** without the consent of the affected Member adversely affect any Purchase Right issued before the amendment, modification or termination. However, nothing in this section will restrict the Committee's right to exercise the discretion retained in Section 4.00.

9.02 *Effect of Plan Termination.*

[1] If the Plan is terminated effective on a day other than the last day of any Offering Period, the Offering Period during which the Plan is terminated also will end on the same day. Any cash balances held in Plan Accounts and Custodial Accounts when the Plan is terminated will be repaid by check or cash to the Participant for whom the Plan Account was established, and no additional shares of Stock will be sold through this Plan for that Offering Period. All shares of Stock held in Custodial Accounts will be distributed following the procedures described in Section 7.02.

[2] If the plan is terminated as of the last day of any Offering Period, the Committee will apply the terms of the Plan through the end of that Offering Period. However, no further shares of Stock will be offered under this Plan for any subsequent Offering Period and all shares of Stock the held in Custodial Accounts will be distributed following the procedures described in Section 7.02.

10.00 MISCELLANEOUS

10.01 *Restriction on Transfers.* No right or benefit under the Plan may be transferred, assigned, alienated, pledged or otherwise disposed of in any way by a Participant. All rights and benefits under the Plan may be exercised during the Participant's lifetime only by the Participant.

10.02 *Beneficiary.* If a Participant dies, the deceased Participant's Beneficiary will be his or her surviving spouse or, if there is no surviving spouse, the deceased Participant's estate.

10.03 *No Guarantee of Employment.* Nothing in the Plan may be construed as:

- [1] Interfering with or limiting the right of any Employer to terminate any Participant's employment at any time; or
- [2] Conferring on any Participant or Employee any right to continue as an Employee.

Further, the Participant will not be entitled by reason of participation in the Plan to any compensation, in connection with termination of employment, for loss of any right or benefit or prospective right or benefit which the employee might otherwise have enjoyed by way of damages for breach of contract.

10.04 *No Promise of Future Awards.* The right to purchase shares of Stock under this Plan is being made available on a voluntary and discretionary basis and the Purchase Right with respect to each individual Offering Period is being offered on a one-time basis and does not constitute a commitment to make any Purchase Right available in the future. The right to purchase shares of Stock hereunder will not be considered salary or other compensation for purposes of any severance pay or similar allowance, except as otherwise required by law.

10.05 *Tax Requirements and Notification.* Each Participant is solely responsible for satisfying any applicable local, state, federal and foreign tax requirements associated with any taxable amount received from or associated with his or her participation in the Plan. The Employer will withhold required taxes in the same manner and for the same taxing jurisdiction as it withholds taxes from Participants' other compensation.

10.06 *Indemnification.* Each individual who is or was a member of the Committee or of the Board will be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from any loss, cost, liability or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be made a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action taken or failure to take action under the Plan as a Committee member and against and from any and all amounts paid, with the Company's approval, by him or her in settlement of any matter related to or arising from the Plan as a Committee member or paid by him or her in satisfaction of any judgment in any action, suit or proceeding relating to or arising from the Plan against him or her as a Committee member, but only if he or she gives the Company an opportunity, at its own

expense, to handle and defend the matter before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it in his or her own behalf. The right of indemnification described in this section is not exclusive and is independent of any other rights of indemnification to which the individual may be entitled under the Company's organizational documents, by contract, as a matter of law or otherwise. The foregoing right of indemnification is not exclusive and is independent of any other rights of indemnification to which the person may be entitled under the Company's organizational documents, by contract, as a matter of law or otherwise.

10.07 *No Limitation on Compensation.* Nothing in the Plan is to be construed to limit the right of the Company to establish other plans or to pay compensation to its employees or directors, in cash or property, in a manner not expressly authorized under the Plan.

10.08 *Requirements of Law.* The availability of Purchase Rights and the issuance of shares of Stock will be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations and to all required approvals of any governmental agencies or national securities exchange, market or other quotation system. Also, no shares of Stock will be sold under the Plan unless the Company is satisfied that the issuance of those shares of Stock will comply with applicable federal and state securities laws and any applicable securities laws of non-U.S. jurisdictions. Certificates for shares of Stock delivered under the Plan may be subject to any stock transfer orders and other restrictions that the Committee believes to be advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange or other recognized market or quotation system upon which the Stock is then listed or traded, or any other applicable federal or state securities law or any applicable securities laws of non-U.S. jurisdictions. The Committee may cause a legend or legends to be placed on any certificates issued under the Plan to make appropriate reference to restrictions within the scope of this section.

10.09 *Use of Funds.* All amounts credited to and held in Plan Accounts may be used by the Company for any corporate purpose and the Company is not required to segregate Plan Accounts from its general assets.

10.10 *Expenses.* Except as otherwise provided in this section and the Plan, costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan and maintenance of Plan Accounts will be paid by the Company, including the custodian's annual fees and any brokerage fees and commissions arising in connection with the purchase of shares of Stock upon reinvestment of dividends and distributions. In no circumstance will the Company pay any brokerage fees and commissions arising in connection with the sale of shares of Stock acquired under the Plan by any Participant.

10.11 *Governing Law.* The Plan and all related agreements will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws (other than laws governing conflicts of laws) of the United States and of the State of Ohio.

10.12 *No Impact on Benefits.* The right to purchase shares of Stock under this Plan is an incentive designed to promote the objectives described in Section 1.00 and are not to be treated

as compensation for purposes of calculating a Participant's rights under any employee benefit plan.

10.13 *Data Privacy.* Information about the Participant and the Participant's participation in the Plan may be collected, recorded and held, used and disclosed for any purpose related to the administration of the Plan. The Participant understands that such processing of this information may need to be carried out by the Company and its Subsidiaries and by third party administrators whether such persons are located within the Participant's country or elsewhere, including the United States of America. The Participant consents to the processing of information relating to the Participant and the Participant's participation in the Plan in any one or more of the ways referred to above.

10.14 *Effective Date.* The Plan was effective as of the Effective Date, subject to the approval thereof by the shareholders of the Company at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on January 27, 2005. The Plan was amended and restated, effective upon approval by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on January 26, 2006. The changes in such amendment and restatement apply as of the first Entry Date following such approval by shareholders.

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company
2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan

Effective January 26, 2006

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**THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY
2006 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN**

Article 1.

Establishment, Purpose, and Duration

1.1 *Establishment.* The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, an Ohio corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”), establishes an incentive compensation plan to be known as The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”), as set forth in this document.

This Plan permits the grant of Nonqualified Stock Options, Incentive Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Cash-Based Awards, and Other Stock-Based Awards.

This Plan shall become effective upon shareholder approval (the “Effective Date”) and shall remain in effect as provided in Section 1.3 hereof.

1.2 *Purpose of this Plan.* The purpose of this Plan is to provide a means whereby Employees, Directors, and Third Party Service Providers develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in the development and financial success of the Company, and to encourage them to devote their best efforts to the business of the Company, thereby advancing the interests of the Company and its shareholders. A further purpose of this Plan is to provide a means through which the Company may attract able individuals to become Employees or serve as Directors or Third Party Service Providers and to provide a means whereby those individuals upon whom the responsibilities of the successful administration and management of the Company are of importance, can acquire and maintain stock ownership, thereby strengthening their concern for the welfare of the Company.

1.3 *Duration of this Plan.* Unless sooner terminated as provided herein, this Plan shall terminate ten (10) years from the Effective Date, e.g. on the day before the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date. After this Plan is terminated, no Awards may be granted but Awards previously granted shall remain outstanding in accordance with their applicable terms and conditions and this Plan’s terms and conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Incentive Stock Options may be granted more than ten (10) years after the earlier of (a) adoption of this Plan by the Board, or (b) the Effective Date.

Article 2.

Definitions

Whenever used in this Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, and when the meaning is intended, the initial letter of the word shall be capitalized.

2.1 “*Affiliate*” shall mean any corporation or other entity (including, but not limited to, a partnership or a limited liability company), that is affiliated with the Company through stock or equity ownership or otherwise, and is designated as an Affiliate for purposes of this Plan by the Committee.

2.2 “*Annual Award Limit*” or “*Annual Award Limits*” have the meaning set forth in Section 4.3.

2.3 “*Award*” means, individually or collectively, a grant under this Plan of Nonqualified Stock Options, Incentive Stock Options, SARs, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Cash-Based Awards, or Other Stock-Based Awards, in each case subject to the terms of this Plan.

2.4 “*Award Agreement*” means either (i) a written agreement entered into by the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to an Award granted under this Plan, or (ii) a written or electronic statement issued by the Company to a Participant describing the terms and provisions of such Award, including in each case any amendment or modification thereof. The Committee may provide for the use of electronic, internet or other non-paper Award Agreements, and the use of electronic, internet or other non-paper means for the acceptance thereof and actions thereunder by a Participant.

2.5 “Beneficial Owner” or “Beneficial Ownership” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Rule 13d-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act.

2.6 “Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.7 “Cash-Based Award” means an Award, denominated in cash, granted to a Participant as described in Article 10.

2.8 “Cause” means, unless otherwise specified in an Award Agreement or in an applicable employment agreement between the Company and a Participant, with respect to any Participant:

(a) Willful failure to substantially perform his or her duties as an Employee (for reasons other than physical or mental illness) or director after reasonable notice to the Participant of that failure;

(b) Misconduct that materially injures the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate;

(c) Conviction of, or entering into a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony; or

(d) Breach of any written covenant or agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate.

2.9 “Change in Control” means any of the following events:

(a) The members of the Board on the Effective Date (“Incumbent Directors”) cease for any reason other than death to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board, provided that any director whose election, or nomination for election by the Company’s shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the then Incumbent Directors also will be treated as an Incumbent Director; or

(b) Any “person,” including a “group” [as such terms are used in Exchange Act Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2), but excluding the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, any employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. or any party related to Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. as determined by the Committee] is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing more than thirty percent (30%) of the combined voting power of the Company’s then outstanding securities; or

(c) The adoption or authorization by the shareholders of the Company of a definitive agreement or a series of related agreements (a) for the merger or other business combination of the Company with or into another entity in which the shareholders of the Company immediately before the effective date of such merger or other business combination own less than fifty percent (50%) of the voting power in such entity; or (b) for the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; or

(d) The adoption by the shareholders of the Company of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or

(e) For any reason, Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. or any party related to Hagedorn Partnership, L.P. as determined by the Committee becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the combined voting power of the Company’s then outstanding securities.

2.10 “Change in Control Price” means the highest price per Share offered in conjunction with any transaction resulting in a Change in Control (as determined in good faith by the Committee if any part of the offered price is payable other than in cash) or, in the case of a Change in Control occurring solely by reason of events not related to a transfer of Shares, the highest Fair Market Value of a Share on any of the thirty (30) consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day before the Change in Control occurs.

2.11 “Code” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. For purposes of this Plan, references to sections of the Code shall be deemed to include references to any applicable regulations thereunder and any successor or similar provision, as well as any applicable interpretative guidance issued related thereto.

2.12 “*Committee*” means the Compensation and Organization Committee of the Board or a subcommittee thereof, or any other committee designated by the Board to administer this Plan. The members of the Committee shall be appointed from time to time by and shall serve at the discretion of the Board. If the Committee does not exist or cannot function for any reason, the Board may take any action under the Plan that would otherwise be the responsibility of the Committee.

2.13 “*Company*” means The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, an Ohio corporation, and any successor thereto as provided in Article 20 herein.

2.14 “*Covered Employee*” means any key Employee who is or may become a “Covered Employee,” as defined in Code Section 162(m), and who is designated, either as an individual Employee or class of Employees, by the Committee within the shorter of (i) ninety (90) days after the beginning of the Performance Period, or (ii) twenty-five percent (25%) of the Performance Period has elapsed, as a “Covered Employee” under this Plan for such applicable Performance Period.

2.15 “*Director*” means any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.16 “*Effective Date*” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1.

2.17 “*Employee*” means any individual who performs services for and is designated as an employee of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries on the payroll records thereof. An Employee shall not include any individual during any period he or she is classified or treated by the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary as an independent contractor, a consultant, or any employee of an employment, consulting, or temporary agency or any other entity other than the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary, without regard to whether such individual is subsequently determined to have been, or is subsequently retroactively reclassified as a common-law employee of the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary during such period.

2.18 “*Exchange Act*” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor act thereto.

2.19 “*Fair Market Value*” or “*FMV*” means a price that is based on the opening, closing, actual, high, low, or average selling prices of a Share reported on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) or other established stock exchange (or exchanges) on the applicable date, the preceding trading day, the next succeeding trading day, or an average of trading days, as determined by the Committee in its discretion. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, Fair Market Value shall be deemed to be equal to the closing price of a Share on the most recent date on which Shares were publicly traded. In the event Shares are not publicly traded at the time a determination of their value is required to be made hereunder, the determination of their Fair Market Value shall be made by the Committee in such manner as it deems appropriate. Such definition(s) of FMV shall be specified in each Award Agreement and may differ depending on whether FMV is in reference to the grant, exercise, vesting, settlement, or payout of an Award.

2.20 “*Full Value Award*” means an Award other than in the form of an ISO, NQSO, or SAR, and which is settled by the issuance of Shares.

2.21 “*Grant Date*” means the date an Award is granted to a Participant pursuant to the Plan.

2.22 “*Grant Price*” means the price established at the time of grant of a SAR pursuant to Article 7, used to determine whether there is any payment due upon exercise of the SAR.

2.23 “*Incentive Stock Option*” or “*ISO*” means an Option to purchase Shares granted under Article 6 to an Employee and that is designated as an Incentive Stock Option and that is intended to meet the requirements of Code Section 422, or any successor provision.

2.24 “*Insider*” shall mean an individual who is, on the relevant date, an officer or Director of the Company, or a more than ten percent (10%) Beneficial Owner of any class of the Company’s equity securities that is registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, as determined by the Board or Committee in accordance with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

2.25 “*Nonemployee Director*” means a Director who is not an Employee on the Grant Date.

2.26 “*Nonemployee Director Award*” means any NQSO, SAR, or Full Value Award granted, whether singly, in combination, or in tandem, to a Participant who is a Nonemployee Director pursuant to such applicable terms, conditions, and limitations as the Board or Committee may establish in accordance with this Plan.

2.27 “*Nonqualified Stock Option*” or “*NQSO*” means an Option that is not intended to meet the requirements of Code Section 422, or that otherwise does not meet such requirements.

2.28 “*Option*” means an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option, as described in Article 6.

2.29 “*Option Price*” means the price at which a Share may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to an Option.

2.30 “*Other Stock-Based Award*” means an equity-based or equity-related Award not otherwise described by the terms of this Plan, granted pursuant to Article 10.

2.31 “*Participant*” means any eligible individual as set forth in Article 5 to whom an Award is granted.

2.32 “*Performance-Based Compensation*” means compensation under an Award that is intended to satisfy the requirements of Code Section 162(m) for certain performance-based compensation paid to Covered Employees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Plan shall be construed to mean that an Award which does not satisfy the requirements for performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m) does not constitute performance-based compensation for other purposes, including Code Section 409A.

2.33 “*Performance Measures*” means measures as described in Article 12 on which the performance goals are based and which are approved by the Company’s shareholders pursuant to this Plan in order to qualify Awards as Performance-Based Compensation.

2.34 “*Performance Period*” means the period of time during which the performance goals must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award.

2.35 “*Performance Share*” means an Award under Article 9 herein and subject to the terms of this Plan, denominated in Shares, the value of which at the time it is payable is determined as a function of the extent to which corresponding performance criteria or Performance Measure(s), as applicable, have been achieved.

2.36 “*Performance Unit*” means an Award under Article 9 herein and subject to the terms of this Plan, denominated in units, the value of which at the time it is payable is determined as a function of the extent to which corresponding performance criteria or Performance Measure(s), as applicable, have been achieved.

2.37 “*Period of Restriction*” means the period when Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (based on the passage of time, the achievement of performance goals, or the occurrence of other events as determined by the Committee, in its discretion), as provided in Article 8.

2.38 “*Person*” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, including a “group” as defined in Section 13(d) thereof.

2.39 “*Plan*” means The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

2.40 “*Plan Year*” means the Company’s fiscal year.

2.41 “*Prior Plans*” means The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2003 Stock Option and Incentive Equity Plan, as amended, and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 1996 Stock Option Plan, as amended.

2.42 “*Restricted Stock*” means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Article 8.

2.43 “*Restricted Stock Unit*” means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Article 8, except no Shares are actually awarded to the Participant on the Grant Date.

2.44 “*Share*” means a common share of the Company, without par value per share.

2.45 “*Stock Appreciation Right*” or “*SAR*” means an Award, designated as a SAR, pursuant to the terms of Article 7 herein.

2.46 “*Subsidiary*” means any corporation or other entity, whether domestic or foreign, in which the Company has or obtains, directly or indirectly, a proprietary interest of more than fifty percent (50%) by reason of stock ownership or otherwise.

2.47 “*Third Party Service Provider*” means any consultant, agent, advisor, or independent contractor who renders services to the Company, a Subsidiary, or an Affiliate that (a) are not in connection with the offer or sale of the Company’s securities in a capital raising transaction, and (b) do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Company’s securities.

Article 3.

Administration

3.1 *General.* The Committee shall be responsible for administering this Plan, subject to this Article 3 and the other provisions of this Plan. The Committee may employ attorneys, consultants, accountants, agents, and other individuals, any of whom may be an Employee, and the Committee, the Company, and its officers and Directors shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions, or valuations of any such individuals. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee shall be final and binding upon the Participants, the Company, and all other interested individuals.

3.2 *Authority of the Committee.* The Committee shall have full and exclusive discretionary power to interpret the terms and the intent of this Plan and any Award Agreement or other agreement or document ancillary to or in connection with this Plan, to determine eligibility for Awards and to adopt such rules, regulations, forms, instruments, and guidelines for administering this Plan as the Committee may deem necessary or proper. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, selecting Award recipients, establishing all Award terms and conditions, including the terms and conditions set forth in Award Agreements, granting Awards as an alternative to or as the form of payment for grants or rights earned or due under compensation plans or arrangements of the Company, construing any provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement, and, subject to Article 18, adopting modifications and amendments to this Plan or any Award Agreement, including without limitation, any that are necessary to comply with the laws of the countries and other jurisdictions in which the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries operate.

3.3 *Delegation.* The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members or to one or more officers of the Company, and/or its Subsidiaries and Affiliates or to one or more agents or advisors such administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable, and the Committee or any individuals to whom it has delegated duties or powers as aforesaid may employ one or more individuals to render advice with respect to any responsibility the Committee or such individuals may have under this Plan. The Committee may, by resolution, authorize one or more officers of the Company to do one or both of the following on the same basis as can the Committee: (a) designate Employees to be recipients of Awards; (b) determine the size of any such Awards; provided, however, (i) the Committee shall not delegate such responsibilities to any such officer for Awards granted to an Employee who is considered an Insider; (ii) the resolution providing such authorization sets forth the total number of Awards such officer(s) may grant; and (iii) the officer(s) shall report periodically to the Committee regarding the nature and scope of the Awards granted pursuant to the authority delegated.

Article 4.

Shares Subject to this Plan and Maximum Awards

4.1 *Number of Shares Available for Awards.*

(a) Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.4 herein, the maximum number of Shares available for grant to Participants under this Plan (the "Share Authorization") shall be:

(i) Four million nine hundred twenty-seven thousand three hundred seventy-eight (4,927,378) newly authorized Shares, plus

(ii) (A) One million seventy-two thousand six hundred twenty-two (1,072,622) Shares not granted or subject to outstanding awards under the Company's Prior Plans as of September 30, 2005 (on a split-adjusted basis to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split on November 9, 2005) and (B) any Shares subject to the six million six hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred thirty-four (6,613,934) outstanding awards as of September 30, 2005 (on a split-adjusted basis to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split on November 9, 2005) under the Prior Plans that on or after September 30, 2005 cease for any reason to be subject to such awards (other than by reason of exercise or settlement of the awards to the extent they are exercised for or settled in vested and nonforfeitable Shares), up to an aggregate maximum of six million six hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred thirty-four (6,613,934) Shares.

(b) No more than three million (3,000,000) Shares of the Share Authorization may be granted as Full Value Awards.

(c) The maximum number of Shares of the Share Authorization that may be issued pursuant to ISOs under this Plan shall be six million (6,000,000) Shares.

(d) The maximum number of Shares of the Share Authorization that may be granted to Nonemployee Directors shall be one million (1,000,000) Shares.

4.2 *Share Usage.* Shares covered by an Award shall only be counted as used to the extent they are actually issued; however, the full number of Stock Appreciation Rights granted that are to be settled by the issuance of Shares shall be counted against the number of Shares available for award under the Plan, regardless of the number of Shares actually issued upon settlement of such Stock Appreciation Rights. Any Shares related to Awards which terminate by expiration, forfeiture, cancellation, or otherwise without the issuance of such Shares, are settled in cash in lieu of Shares, or are exchanged with the Committee's permission, prior to the issuance of Shares, for Awards not involving Shares, shall be available again for grant under this Plan. The Shares available for issuance under this Plan may be authorized and unissued Shares or treasury Shares.

4.3 *Annual Award Limits.* Unless and until the Committee determines that an Award to a Covered Employee shall not be designed to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, the following limits (each an "Annual Award Limit" and, collectively, "Annual Award Limits") shall apply to grants of such Awards under this Plan:

(a) *Options:* The maximum aggregate number of Shares subject to Options granted in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be two hundred thousand (200,000), as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 and/or 18.2.

(b) *SARs:* The maximum number of Shares subject to Stock Appreciation Rights granted in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be two hundred thousand (200,000), as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 and/or 18.2.

(c) *Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units:* The maximum aggregate grant with respect to Awards of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be one hundred thousand (100,000), as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 and/or 18.2.

(d) *Performance Units or Performance Shares:* The maximum aggregate Award of Performance Units or Performance Shares that a Participant may receive in any one Plan Year shall be one hundred thousand (100,000) Shares, as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 and/or 18.2, or

equal to the value of one hundred thousand (100,000) Shares, as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 and/or 18.2, determined as of the date of vesting or payout, as applicable.

(e) *Cash-Based Awards*: The maximum aggregate amount awarded or credited with respect to Cash-Based Awards to any one Participant in any one Plan Year may not exceed the greater of the value of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) or one hundred thousand (100,000) Shares, as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 and/or 18.2, determined as of the date of vesting or payout, as applicable.

(f) *Other Stock-Based Awards*. The maximum aggregate grant with respect to Other Stock-Based Awards pursuant to Section 10.2 in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) Shares, as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 and/or 18.2.

4.4 *Adjustments in Authorized Shares*. In the event of any corporate event or transaction (including, but not limited to, a change in the Shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, partial or complete liquidation, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, or other distribution of stock or property of the Company, combination of Shares, exchange of Shares, dividend in kind, or other like change in capital structure, number of outstanding Shares or distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to shareholders of the Company, or any similar corporate event or transaction, the Committee, in its sole discretion, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of Participants' rights under this Plan, shall substitute or adjust, as applicable, the number and kind of Shares that may be issued under this Plan or under particular forms of Awards, the number and kind of Shares subject to outstanding Awards, the Option Price or Grant Price applicable to outstanding Awards, the Annual Award Limits, and other value determinations applicable to outstanding Awards.

The Committee, in its sole discretion, may also make appropriate adjustments in the terms of any Awards under this Plan to reflect or related to such changes or distributions and to modify any other terms of outstanding Awards, including modifications of performance goals and changes in the length of Performance Periods. The determination of the Committee as to the foregoing adjustments, if any, shall be conclusive and binding on Participants under this Plan.

Subject to the provisions of Article 18 and notwithstanding anything else herein to the contrary, without affecting the number of Shares reserved or available hereunder, the Committee may authorize the issuance or assumption of benefits under this Plan in connection with any merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, or reorganization upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate (including, but not limited to, a conversion of equity awards into Awards under this Plan in a manner consistent with paragraph 53 of FASB Interpretation No. 44), subject to compliance with the rules under Code Sections 422 and 424, as and where applicable.

Article 5.

Eligibility and Participation

5.1 *Eligibility*. Individuals eligible to participate in this Plan include all Employees, Directors, and Third Party Service Providers.

5.2 *Actual Participation*. Subject to the provisions of this Plan, the Committee may, from time to time, select from all eligible individuals, those individuals to whom Awards shall be granted and shall determine, in its sole discretion, the nature of, any and all terms permissible by law, and the amount of each Award.

Article 6.

Stock Options

6.1 *Grant of Options*. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Plan, Options may be granted to Participants in such number, and upon such terms, and at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion; provided that ISOs may be granted only to eligible

Employees of the Company or of any parent or subsidiary corporation (as permitted under Code Sections 422 and 424).

6.2 *Award Agreement.* Each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Option Price, the maximum duration of the Option, the number of Shares to which the Option pertains, the conditions upon which an Option shall become vested and exercisable, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine which are not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan. The Award Agreement also shall specify whether the Option is intended to be an ISO or a NQSO.

6.3 *Option Price.* The Option Price for each grant of an Option under this Plan shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion and shall be specified in the Award Agreement; provided, however, the Option Price must be at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the FMV of the Shares as determined on the Grant Date.

6.4 *Term of Options.* Each Option granted to a Participant shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, no Option shall be exercisable later than the day before the tenth (10th) anniversary date of its grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for Nonqualified Stock Options granted to Participants outside the United States, the Committee has the authority to grant Nonqualified Stock Options that have a term greater than ten (10) years.

6.5 *Exercise of Options.* Options granted under this Article 6 shall be exercisable at such times and be subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee shall in each instance approve, which terms and restrictions need not be the same for each grant or for each Participant.

6.6 *Payment.* Options granted under this Article 6 shall be exercised by the delivery of a notice of exercise to the Company or an agent designated by the Company in a form specified or accepted by the Committee, or by complying with any alternative procedures which may be authorized by the Committee, setting forth the number of Shares with respect to which the Option is to be exercised, accompanied by full payment for the Shares.

A condition of the issuance of the Shares as to which an Option shall be exercised shall be the payment of the Option Price. The Option Price of any Option shall be payable to the Company in full either: (a) in cash or its equivalent; (b) by tendering (either by actual delivery or attestation) previously acquired Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value at the time of exercise equal to the Option Price (provided that except as otherwise determined by the Committee, the Shares that are tendered must have been held by the Participant for at least six (6) months (or such other period, if any, as the Committee may permit) prior to their tender to satisfy the Option Price if acquired under this Plan or any other compensation plan maintained by the Company or have been purchased on the open market); (c) by a cashless (broker-assisted) exercise; (d) by a combination of (a), (b) and/or (c); or (e) any other method approved or accepted by the Committee in its sole discretion.

Subject to any governing rules or regulations, as soon as practicable after receipt of written notification of exercise and full payment (including satisfaction of any applicable tax withholding), the Company shall deliver to the Participant evidence of book entry Shares, or upon the Participant's request, Share certificates in an appropriate amount based upon the number of Shares purchased under the Option(s).

Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, all payments under all of the methods indicated above shall be paid in United States dollars.

6.7 *Restrictions on Share Transferability.* The Committee may impose such restrictions on any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option granted under this Article 6 as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, minimum holding period requirements, restrictions under applicable federal securities laws, under the requirements of any stock exchange or market upon which such Shares are then listed and/or traded, or under any blue sky or state securities laws applicable to such Shares.

6.8 *Termination of Employment.* Each Participant's Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to exercise the Option following termination of the Participant's

employment or provision of services to the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, shall be included in the Award Agreement entered into with each Participant, need not be uniform among all Options issued pursuant to this Article 6, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination.

6.9 *Notification of Disqualifying Disposition.* If any Participant shall make any disposition of Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of an ISO under the circumstances described in Code Section 421(b) (relating to certain disqualifying dispositions), such Participant shall notify the Company of such disposition within ten (10) calendar days thereof.

Article 7.

Stock Appreciation Rights

7.1 *Grant of SARs.* Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan, SARs may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan, the Committee shall have complete discretion in determining the number of SARs granted to each Participant and, consistent with the provisions of this Plan, in determining the terms and conditions pertaining to such SARs.

The Grant Price for each grant of a SAR shall be determined by the Committee and shall be specified in the Award Agreement; provided, however, the Grant Price on the Grant Date must be at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the FMV of the Shares as determined on the Grant Date.

7.2 *SAR Agreement.* Each SAR Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Grant Price, the term of the SAR, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.

7.3 *Term of SAR.* The term of a SAR granted under this Plan shall be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, and except as determined otherwise by the Committee and specified in the SAR Award Agreement, no SAR shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary date of its grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for SARs granted to Participants outside the United States, the Committee has the authority to grant SARs that have a term greater than ten (10) years.

7.4 *Exercise of SARs.* SARs may be exercised upon whatever terms and conditions the Committee, in its sole discretion, imposes.

7.5 *Settlement of SARs.* Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount determined by multiplying:

- (a) The excess of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise over the Grant Price; by
- (b) The number of Shares with respect to which the SAR is exercised.

At the discretion of the Committee, the payment upon SAR exercise may be in cash, Shares, or any combination thereof, or in any other manner approved by the Committee in its sole discretion. The Committee's determination regarding the form of SAR payout shall be set forth in the Award Agreement pertaining to the grant of the SAR.

7.6 *Termination of Employment.* Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to exercise the SAR following termination of the Participant's employment with or provision of services to the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, shall be included in the Award Agreement entered into with Participants, need not be uniform among all SARs issued pursuant to this Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination.

7.7 *Other Restrictions.* The Committee shall impose such other conditions and/or restrictions on any Shares received upon exercise of a SAR granted pursuant to this Plan as it may deem advisable or desirable. These restrictions may include, but shall not be limited to, a requirement that the Participant hold the Shares received upon exercise of a SAR for a specified period of time.

Article 8.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

8.1 *Grant of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units.* Subject to the terms and provisions of this Plan or an Award Agreement, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Shares of Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units to Participants in such amounts as the Committee shall determine. Restricted Stock Units shall be similar to Restricted Stock except that no Shares are actually awarded to the Participant on the Grant Date.

8.2 *Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.* Each Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Unit grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Period(s) of Restriction, the number of Shares of Restricted Stock or the number of Restricted Stock Units granted, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.

8.3 *Other Restrictions.* The Committee shall impose such other conditions and/or restrictions on any Shares of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to this Plan as it may deem advisable including, without limitation, a requirement that Participants pay a stipulated purchase price for each Share of Restricted Stock or each Restricted Stock Unit, restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance goals, time-based restrictions on vesting following the attainment of the performance goals, time-based restrictions, and/or restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of any stock exchange or market upon which such Shares are listed or traded, or holding requirements or sale restrictions placed on the Shares by the Company upon vesting of such Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units.

To the extent deemed appropriate by the Committee, the Company may retain the certificates representing Shares of Restricted Stock in the Company's possession until such time as all conditions and/or restrictions applicable to such Shares have been satisfied or lapse.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article 8, Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock Award shall become freely transferable by the Participant after all conditions and restrictions applicable to such Shares have been satisfied or lapse (including satisfaction of any applicable tax withholding obligations), and Restricted Stock Units shall be paid in cash, Shares, or a combination of cash and Shares as the Committee, in its sole discretion shall determine.

8.4 *Certificate Legend.* In addition to any legends placed on certificates pursuant to Section 8.3, each certificate representing Shares of Restricted Stock granted pursuant to this Plan may bear a legend such as the following or as otherwise determined by the Committee in its sole discretion:

The sale or transfer of the common shares of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company represented by this certificate, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, is subject to certain restrictions on transfer as set forth in The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan, and in the associated Award Agreement. A copy of this Plan and such Award Agreement will be provided by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, without charge, within five (5) days after receipt of a written request therefor.

8.5 *Voting Rights.* Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and set forth in a Participant's Award Agreement, to the extent permitted or required by law, as determined by the Committee, Participants holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may be granted the right to exercise full voting rights with respect to those Shares during the Period of Restriction. A Participant shall have no voting rights with respect to any Restricted Stock Units granted hereunder.

8.6 *Termination of Employment.* Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to retain Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units following termination of the Participant's employment with or provision of services to the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, shall be included in the Award Agreement entered into with each Participant, need not be uniform among all Shares of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units issued pursuant to this Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination.

8.7 *Section 83(b) Election.* The Committee may provide in an Award Agreement that the Award of Restricted Stock is conditioned upon the Participant making or refraining from making an election with respect to the Award under Code Section 83(b). If a Participant makes an election pursuant to Code Section 83(b) concerning a Restricted Stock Award, the Participant shall be required to file promptly a copy of such election with the Company.

Article 9.

Performance Units/ Performance Shares

9.1 *Grant of Performance Units/ Performance Shares.* Subject to the terms and provisions of this Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Performance Units and/or Performance Shares to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.

9.2 *Value of Performance Units/ Performance Shares.* Each Performance Unit shall have an initial value that is established by the Committee at the time of grant. Each Performance Share shall have an initial value equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Grant Date. The Committee shall set performance goals in its discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the value and/or number of Performance Units/ Performance Shares that will be paid out to the Participant.

9.3 *Earning of Performance Units/ Performance Shares.* Subject to the terms of this Plan, after the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of Performance Units/ Performance Shares shall be entitled to receive payout on the value and number of Performance Units/ Performance Shares earned by the Participant over the Performance Period, to be determined as a function of the extent to which the corresponding performance goals have been achieved.

9.4 *Form and Timing of Payment of Performance Units/ Performance Shares.* Payment of earned Performance Units/ Performance Shares shall be as determined by the Committee and as evidenced in the Award Agreement. Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Performance Units/ Performance Shares in the form of cash or in Shares (or in a combination thereof) equal to the value of the earned Performance Units/ Performance Shares at the close of the applicable Performance Period, or as soon as practicable after the end of the Performance Period. Any Shares may be granted subject to any restrictions deemed appropriate by the Committee. The determination of the Committee with respect to the form of payout of such Awards shall be set forth in the Award Agreement pertaining to the grant of the Award.

9.5 *Termination of Employment.* Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to retain Performance Units and/or Performance Shares following termination of the Participant's employment with or provision of services to the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, shall be included in the Award Agreement entered into with each Participant, need not be uniform among all Awards of Performance Units or Performance Shares issued pursuant to this Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination.

Article 10.

Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards

10.1 *Grant of Cash-Based Awards.* Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Cash-Based Awards to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee may determine.

10.2 *Other Stock-Based Awards.* The Committee may grant other types of equity-based or equity-related Awards not otherwise described by the terms of this Plan (including the grant or offer for sale of unrestricted Shares) in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions, as the Committee shall determine. Such Awards may involve the transfer of actual Shares to Participants, or payment in cash or

otherwise of amounts based on the value of Shares and may include, without limitation, Awards designed to comply with or take advantage of the applicable local laws of jurisdictions other than the United States.

10.3 *Value of Cash-Based and Other Stock-Based Awards.* Each Cash-Based Award shall specify a payment amount or payment range as determined by the Committee. Each Other Stock-Based Award shall be expressed in terms of Shares or units based on Shares, as determined by the Committee. The Committee may establish performance goals in its discretion. If the Committee exercises its discretion to establish performance goals, the number and/or value of Cash-Based Awards or Other Stock-Based Awards that will be paid out to the Participant will depend on the extent to which the performance goals are met.

10.4 *Payment of Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards.* Payment, if any, with respect to a Cash-Based Award or an Other Stock-Based Award shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Award, in cash or Shares as the Committee determines.

10.5 *Termination of Employment.* The Committee shall determine the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to receive Cash-Based Awards or Other Stock-Based Awards following termination of the Participant's employment with or provision of services to the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, such provisions may be included in an agreement entered into with each Participant, but need not be uniform among all Awards of Cash-Based Awards or Other Stock-Based Awards issued pursuant to the Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination.

Article 11.

Transferability of Awards

11.1 *Transferability.* Except as provided in Section 11.2 below, during a Participant's lifetime, his or her Awards shall be exercisable only by the Participant or the Participant's legal representative. Awards shall not be transferable other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution; no Awards shall be subject, in whole or in part, to attachment, execution, or levy of any kind; and any purported transfer in violation hereof shall be null and void. The Committee may establish such procedures as it deems appropriate for a Participant to designate a beneficiary to whom any amounts payable or Shares deliverable in the event of, or following, the Participant's death, may be provided.

11.2 *Committee Action.* The Committee may, in its discretion, determine that notwithstanding Section 11.1, any or all Awards (other than ISOs) shall be transferable to and exercisable by such transferees, and subject to such terms and conditions, as the Committee may deem appropriate; provided, however, no Award may be transferred for value (as defined in the General Instructions to Form S-8).

Article 12.

Performance Measures

12.1 *Performance Measures.* The performance goals upon which the payment or vesting of an Award to a Covered Employee that is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation shall be limited to the following Performance Measures:

- (a) Net earnings or net income (before or after taxes);
- (b) Earnings per share (basic or diluted);
- (c) Net sales or revenue growth;
- (d) Net operating profit;
- (e) Return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, capital, invested capital, equity, sales, or revenue);
- (f) Cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity, and cash flow return on investment);

- (g) Earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, and/or amortization;
- (h) Gross or operating margins;
- (i) Productivity ratios;
- (j) Share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total shareholder return);
- (k) Expense targets;
- (l) Margins;
- (m) Operating efficiency;
- (n) Market share;
- (o) Customer satisfaction;
- (p) Working capital targets;
- (q) Economic value added or EVA® (net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital);
- (r) Developing new products and lines of revenue;
- (s) Reducing operating expenses;
- (t) Developing new markets;
- (u) Meeting completion schedules
- (v) Developing and managing relationships with regulatory and other governmental agencies;
- (w) Managing cash;
- (x) Managing claims against the Company, including litigation;
- (y) Identifying and completing strategic acquisitions; and

Any Performance Measure(s) may be used to measure the performance of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate as a whole or any business unit of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate or any combination thereof, as the Committee may deem appropriate, or any of the above Performance Measures as compared to the performance of a group of comparator companies, or published or special index that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate, or the Committee may select Performance Measure (j) above as compared to various stock market indices. The Committee also has the authority to provide for accelerated vesting of any Award based on the achievement of performance goals pursuant to the Performance Measures specified in this Article 12.

12.2 *Evaluation of Performance.* The Committee may provide in any such Award that any evaluation of performance may include or exclude any of the following events that occurs during a Performance Period: (a) asset write-downs, (b) litigation or claim judgments or settlements, (c) the effect of changes in tax laws, accounting principles, or other laws or provisions affecting reported results, (d) any reorganization and restructuring programs, (e) extraordinary nonrecurring items as described in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30 and/or in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing in the Company's annual report to shareholders for the applicable year, (f) acquisitions or divestitures, and (g) foreign exchange gains and losses. To the extent such inclusions or exclusions affect Awards to Covered Employees, they shall be prescribed in a form that meets the requirements of Code Section 162(m) for deductibility.

12.3 *Adjustment of Performance-Based Compensation.* Awards that are intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation may not be adjusted upward. The Committee shall retain the discretion to adjust such Awards downward, either on a formula or discretionary basis or any combination, as the Committee determines.

12.4 *Committee Discretion.* In the event that applicable tax and/or securities laws change to permit Committee discretion to alter the governing Performance Measures without obtaining shareholder approval of such changes, the Committee shall have sole discretion to make such changes without obtaining

shareholder approval. In addition, in the event that the Committee determines that it is advisable to grant Awards that shall not qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, the Committee may make such grants without satisfying the requirements of Code Section 162(m) and base vesting on Performance Measures other than those set forth in Section 12.1.

Article 13.

Nonemployee Director Awards

The Board shall determine all Awards to Nonemployee Directors. The terms and conditions of any grant to any such Nonemployee Director shall be set forth in an Award Agreement.

Article 14.

Dividend Equivalents

Any Participant selected by the Committee may be granted dividend equivalents based on the dividends declared on Shares that are subject to any Award, to be credited as of dividend payment dates, during the period between the date the Award is granted and the date the Award is exercised, vests or expires, as determined by the Committee. Such dividend equivalents shall be converted to cash or additional Shares by such formula and at such time and subject to such limitations as may be determined by the Committee.

Article 15.

Beneficiary Designation

Each Participant under this Plan may, from time to time, name any beneficiary or beneficiaries (who may be named contingently or successively) to whom any benefit under this Plan is to be paid in case of his death before he receives any or all of such benefit. Each such designation shall revoke all prior designations by the same Participant, shall be in a form prescribed by the Committee, and will be effective only when filed by the Participant in writing with the Company during the Participant's lifetime. In the absence of any such beneficiary designation, benefits remaining unpaid or rights remaining unexercised at the Participant's death shall be paid to or exercised by the Participant's spouse, executor, administrator, or legal representative.

Article 16.

Rights of Participants

16.1 *Employment.* Nothing in this Plan or an Award Agreement shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries, to terminate any Participant's employment or service on the Board or to the Company at any time or for any reason not prohibited by law, nor confer upon any Participant any right to continue his employment or service as a Director or Third Party Service Provider for any specified period of time.

Neither an Award nor any benefits arising under this Plan shall constitute an employment contract with the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries and, accordingly, subject to Articles 3 and 18, this Plan and the benefits hereunder may be terminated at any time in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Committee without giving rise to any liability on the part of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries.

16.2 *Participation.* No individual shall have the right to be selected to receive an Award under this Plan, or, having been so selected, to be selected to receive a future Award.

16.3 *Rights as a Shareholder.* Except as otherwise provided herein, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Participant becomes the record holder of such Shares.

Article 17.

Change of Control

17.1 *Accelerated Vesting and Settlement.* Subject to Section 17.2, on the date of any Change in Control:

(a) Each Option and SAR (other than Options and SARs of Nonemployee Directors) outstanding on the date of a Change in Control (whether or not exercisable) will be cancelled in exchange (i) for cash equal to the excess of the Change in Control Price over the Exercise Price or Grant Price, as applicable, associated with the cancelled Option or SAR or, (ii) at the Committee's discretion, for whole Shares with a Fair Market Value equal to the excess of the Change in Control Price over the Exercise Price or Grant Price, as applicable, associated with the cancelled Option or SAR and the Fair Market Value of any fractional Share will be distributed in cash. However, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may offer the holders of the Options or SARs to be cancelled a reasonable opportunity (not longer than 15 days beginning on the date of the Change in Control) to exercise all their outstanding Options and SARs (whether or not otherwise then exercisable);

(b) All performance goals associated with Awards for which performance goals have been established will be deemed to have been met on the date of the Change in Control, all Performance Periods accelerated to the date of the Change in Control and all outstanding Awards for which performance goals have been established (including those subject to the acceleration described in this subsection) will be distributed in a single lump sum cash payment; and

(c) All other then-outstanding Awards whose exercisability depends merely on the satisfaction of a service obligation by a Participant to the Company, Subsidiary, or Affiliate ("Service Award") shall vest in full and be free of restrictions related to the vesting of such Awards. All Service Awards whose vesting is so accelerated will be distributed, if not already held by a Participant, (i) in a single lump-sum cash payment based on the Change in Control Price or, (ii) at the Committee's discretion, in the form of whole Shares based on the Change in Control Price.

17.2 *Alternative Awards.* Section 17.1 will not apply to the extent that the Committee reasonably concludes in good faith before the Change in Control occurs that Awards will be honored or assumed or new rights substituted for the Award (collectively, "Alternative Awards") by the Employee's employer (or the parent or a subsidiary of that employer) immediately after the Change in Control, provided that any Alternative Award must:

(a) Be based on stock that is (or, within 60 days of the Change in Control, will be) traded on an established securities market;

(b) Provide the Employee rights and entitlements substantially equivalent to or better than the rights, terms and conditions of each Award for which it is substituted, including an identical or better exercise or vesting schedule and identical or better timing and methods of payment;

(c) Have substantially equivalent economic value to the Award (determined at the time of the Change in Control) for which it is substituted; and

(d) Provide that, if the Employee's employment is involuntarily terminated without cause or constructively terminated by the Employee, any conditions on the Employee's rights under, or any restrictions on transfer or exercisability applicable to, each Alternative Award will be waived or lapse.

For purposes of this section, a constructive termination means a termination by an Employee following a material reduction in the Employee's compensation or job responsibilities (when compared to the Employee's compensation and job responsibilities on the date of the Change in Control) or the relocation of the Employee's principal place of employment to a location at least fifty (50) miles from his or her principal place of employment on the date of the Change in Control (or other location to which the Employee has been reassigned with his or her written consent), in each case without the Employee's written consent.

17.3 *Nonemployee Directors' Awards.* Upon a Change in Control, each outstanding:

(a) Option or SAR held by a Nonemployee Director will be cancelled unless (a) the Shares continue to be traded on an established securities market after the Change in Control, or (b) the Nonemployee Director continues to be a Board member after the Change in Control. In the situations just described, the Options or SARs held by a Nonemployee Director will be unaffected by a Change in Control. Any Options and SARs held by a Nonemployee Director to be cancelled under the next preceding sentence will be exchanged (c) for cash equal to the excess of the Change in Control Price over the Exercise Price or Grant Price, as applicable, associated with the cancelled Option or SAR held by a Nonemployee Director, or (d) at the Board's discretion, for whole Shares with a Fair Market Value equal to the excess of the Change in Control Price over the Exercise Price associated with the cancelled Option or SAR held by a Nonemployee Director and the Fair Market Value of any fractional Share will be distributed in cash. However, the Board, in its sole discretion, may offer Nonemployee Directors holding Options or SARs to be cancelled a reasonable opportunity (not longer than 15 days beginning on the date of the Change in Control) to exercise all their outstanding Options and SARs (whether or not otherwise then exercisable).

(b) Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit held by a Nonemployee Director will be settled for a lump sum cash payment equal to the Change in Control Price.

(c) All other types of Awards held by Nonemployee Directors will be settled for a lump sum cash payment equal to the Change in Control Price less any amount a Nonemployee Director would be required to pay in order for the Award to be exercised or settled, other than any such amount related to taxes.

Article 18.

Amendment, Modification, Suspension, and Termination

18.1 *Amendment, Modification, Suspension, and Termination.* Subject to Section 18.3, the Committee may, at any time and from time to time, alter, amend, modify, suspend, or terminate this Plan and any Award Agreement in whole or in part; provided, however, that, without the prior approval of the Company's shareholders and except as provided in Section 4.4, Options or SARs issued under this Plan will not be repriced, replaced, or regranted through cancellation, or by lowering the Option Price of a previously granted Option or the Grant Price of a previously granted SAR, and no material amendment of this Plan shall be made without shareholder approval if shareholder approval is required by law, regulation, or stock exchange rule.

18.2 *Adjustment of Awards Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring Events.* The Committee may make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, the events described in Section 4.4 hereof) affecting the Company or the financial statements of the Company or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Committee determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent unintended dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under this Plan. The determination of the Committee as to the foregoing adjustments, if any, shall be conclusive and binding on Participants under this Plan.

18.3 *Awards Previously Granted.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary (other than Section 18.4), no termination, amendment, suspension, or modification of this Plan or an Award Agreement shall adversely affect in any material way any Award previously granted under this Plan, without the written consent of the Participant holding such Award.

18.4 *Amendment to Conform to Law.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, the Board may amend the Plan or an Award Agreement, to take effect retroactively or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of conforming the Plan or an Award Agreement to any present or future law relating to plans of this or similar nature (including, but not limited to, Code Section 409A), and to the administrative regulations and rulings promulgated thereunder. By accepting an

Award under this Plan, each Participant agrees to any amendment made pursuant to this Section 18.4 to any Award granted under the Plan without further consideration or action.

Article 19.

Withholding

19.1 *Tax Withholding.* The Company shall have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, the minimum statutory amount to satisfy federal, state, and local taxes, domestic or foreign, required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising as a result of this Plan.

19.2 *Share Withholding.* With respect to withholding required upon the exercise of Options or SARs, upon the lapse of restrictions on Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units, or upon the achievement of performance goals related to Performance Shares, or any other taxable event arising as a result of an Award granted hereunder, Participants may elect, subject to the approval of the Committee, to satisfy the withholding requirement, in whole or in part, by having the Company withhold Shares having a Fair Market Value on the date the tax is to be determined equal to the minimum statutory total tax that could be imposed on the transaction. All such elections shall be irrevocable, made in writing, and signed by the Participant, and shall be subject to any restrictions or limitations that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

Article 20.

Successors

All obligations of the Company under this Plan with respect to Awards granted hereunder shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company.

Article 21.

General Provisions

21.1 Forfeiture Events.

(a) The Committee may specify in an Award Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments, and benefits with respect to an Award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture, or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. Such events may include, but shall not be limited to, termination of employment for cause, termination of the Participant's provision of services to the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary, violation of material Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary policies, breach of noncompetition, confidentiality, or other restrictive covenants that may apply to the Participant, or other conduct by the Participant that is detrimental to the business or reputation of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries.

(b) If the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company, as a result of misconduct, with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, if the Participant knowingly or grossly negligently engaged in the misconduct, or knowingly or grossly negligently failed to prevent the misconduct, or if the Participant is one of the individuals subject to automatic forfeiture under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Participant shall reimburse the Company the amount of any payment in settlement of an Award earned or accrued during the twelve- (12-) month period following the first public issuance or filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (whichever just occurred) of the financial document embodying such financial reporting requirement.

21.2 *Legend.* The certificates for Shares may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer of such Shares.

21.3 *Gender and Number.* Except where otherwise indicated by the context, any masculine term used herein also shall include the feminine, the plural shall include the singular, and the singular shall include the plural.

21.4 *Severability.* In the event any provision of this Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of this Plan, and this Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.

21.5 *Requirements of Law.* The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares under this Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or stock exchange as may be required.

21.6 *Delivery of Title.* The Company shall have no obligation to issue or deliver evidence of title for Shares issued under this Plan prior to:

(a) Obtaining any approvals from governmental agencies that the Company determines are necessary or advisable; and

(b) Completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any applicable national or foreign law or ruling of any governmental body that the Company determines to be necessary or advisable.

21.7 *Inability to Obtain Authority.* The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

21.8 *Investment Representations.* The Committee may require any individual receiving Shares pursuant to an Award under this Plan to represent and warrant in writing that the individual is acquiring the Shares for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares.

21.9 *Employees Based Outside of the United States.* Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, in order to comply with the laws in other countries in which the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries operate or have Employees, Directors, or Third Party Service Providers, the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to:

(a) Determine which Affiliates and Subsidiaries shall be covered by this Plan;

(b) Determine which Employees, Directors, and/or Third Party Service Providers outside the United States are eligible to participate in this Plan;

(c) Modify the terms and conditions of any Award granted to Employees and/or Third Party Service Providers outside the United States to comply with applicable foreign laws;

(d) Establish subplans and modify exercise procedures and other terms and procedures, to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable. Any subplans and modifications to Plan terms and procedures established under this Section 21.9 by the Committee shall be attached to this Plan document as appendices; and

(e) Take any action, before or after an Award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local government regulatory exemptions or approvals.

Notwithstanding the above, the Committee may not take any actions hereunder, and no Awards shall be granted, that would violate applicable law.

21.10 *Uncertificated Shares.* To the extent that this Plan provides for issuance of certificates to reflect the transfer of Shares, the transfer of such Shares may be effected on a noncertificated basis, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange.

21.11 *Unfunded Plan.* Participants shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in or to any investments that the Company, and/or its Subsidiaries, and/or its Affiliates may make to aid it in meeting its obligations under this Plan. Nothing contained in this Plan, and no action taken pursuant to its

provisions, shall create or be construed to create a trust of any kind, or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and any Participant, beneficiary, legal representative, or any other individual. To the extent that any individual acquires a right to receive payments from the Company, its Subsidiaries, and/or its Affiliates under this Plan, such right shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company, a Subsidiary, or an Affiliate, as the case may be. All payments to be made hereunder shall be paid from the general funds of the Company, a Subsidiary, or an Affiliate, as the case may be and no special or separate fund shall be established and no segregation of assets shall be made to assure payment of such amounts except as expressly set forth in this Plan.

21.12 *No Fractional Shares.* No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to this Plan or any Award. The Committee shall determine whether cash, Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

21.13 *Retirement and Welfare Plans.* Neither Awards made under this Plan nor Shares or cash paid pursuant to such Awards may be included as “compensation” for purposes of computing the benefits payable to any Participant under the Company’s or any Subsidiary’s or Affiliate’s retirement plans (both qualified and non-qualified) or welfare benefit plans unless such other plan expressly provides that such compensation shall be taken into account in computing a Participant’s benefit.

21.14 *Deferred Compensation.* No deferral of compensation (as defined under Code Section 409A or guidance thereto) is intended under this Plan. Notwithstanding this intent, if any Award would be considered deferred compensation as defined under Code Section 409A and if this Plan fails to meet the requirements of Code Section 409A with respect to such Award, then such Award shall be null and void. However, the Committee may permit deferrals of compensation pursuant to the terms of a Participant’s Award Agreement, a separate plan or a subplan which meets the requirements of Code Section 409A and any related guidance. Additionally, to the extent any Award is subject to Code Section 409A, notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Plan does not permit the acceleration or delay of the time or schedule of any distribution related to such Award, except as permitted by Code Section 409A, the regulations thereunder, and/or the Secretary of the United States Treasury.

21.15 *Nonexclusivity of this Plan.* The adoption of this Plan shall not be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board or Committee to adopt such other compensation arrangements as it may deem desirable for any Participant.

21.16 *No Constraint on Corporate Action.* Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to: (i) limit, impair, or otherwise affect the Company’s or a Subsidiary’s or an Affiliate’s right or power to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure, or to merge or consolidate, or dissolve, liquidate, sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets; or, (ii) limit the right or power of the Company or a Subsidiary or an Affiliate to take any action which such entity deems to be necessary or appropriate.

21.17 *Governing Law.* The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of this Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction. Unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement, recipients of an Award under this Plan are deemed to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the federal or state courts of Ohio, to resolve any and all issues that may arise out of or relate to this Plan or any related Award Agreement.

21.18 *Indemnification.* Subject to requirements of Ohio law, each individual who is or shall have been a member of the Board, or a Committee appointed by the Board, or an officer of the Company to whom authority was delegated in accordance with Article 3, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action taken or failure to act under this Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in settlement thereof, with the Company’s approval, or paid by him or her in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action,

suit, or proceeding against him or her, provided he or she shall give the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his/her own behalf, unless such loss, cost, liability, or expense is a result of his/her own willful misconduct or except as expressly provided by statute.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such individuals may be entitled under the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Code of Regulations, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

**THIS DOCUMENT CONSTITUTES PART OF A PROSPECTUS COVERING
SECURITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF
1933.**

**THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY
2006 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN**

**NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AWARD GRANTED TO [GRANTEE'S NAME] ON
[GRANT DATE]**

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company ("Company") and its shareholders believe that their business interests are best served by ensuring that you have an opportunity to share in the Company's business success. To this end, the Company adopted and its shareholders approved The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("Plan") through which members of its Board of Directors ("Directors") may acquire (or share in the appreciation of) common shares of the Company.

We cannot guarantee that the value of your Award (or the value of the common shares you acquire through an Award) will increase. This is because the value of the Company's common shares is affected by many factors. However, the Company believes that your efforts contribute to the value of the Company's common shares and that the Plan (and the Awards made through the Plan) is an appropriate means of sharing with you the value of your contribution to the Company's business success.

This Award Agreement describes the type of Award that you have been granted and the conditions that must be met before you may receive the value associated with your Award. To ensure you fully understand these terms and conditions, you should:

- Read the Plan and the Plan's Prospectus carefully to ensure you understand how the Plan works;
- Read this Award Agreement carefully to ensure you understand the nature of your Award and what you must do to earn it; and
- Contact [Contact Name] at [Contact Telephone Number] if you have any questions about your Award. Or, you may send a written inquiry to 14111 Scottslawn Road, Marysville, Ohio 43041.

Also, no later than [Date: 30 days post Grant Date], you must return a signed copy of the Award Agreement to:

[Contact Name]
Merrill Lynch
[Contact's Street Address]
[Contact's City, State and Zip Code]

If you do not do this, your Award will be forfeited and you will not be entitled to receive anything on account of this Award.

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code (“Section 409A”) imposes substantial penalties on persons who receive some forms of deferred compensation (see the Plan’s Prospectus for more information about these penalties). Your Award has been designed to avoid these penalties. However, because the Internal Revenue Service has not yet issued final rules fully defining the effect of Section 409A, it is possible that your Award Agreement must be revised after the IRS issues these rules if you are to avoid these penalties. As a condition of accepting this Award, you must agree to accept those revisions, without any further consideration, even if those revisions change the terms of your Award and reduce its value or potential value.

Description of Your Nonqualified Stock Options

You have been awarded Nonqualified Stock Options (or “NSOs”) to purchase [Number of NSOs Granted] common shares of the Company. You may purchase one of the Company’s common shares for each NSO, but only if you pay \$[Exercise Price] (“Exercise Price”) for each common share you purchase, you exercise the NSOs on or before [Expiration Date] (“Expiration Date”) and meet the terms and conditions described in this Award Agreement and in the Plan and the Prospectus. You will be solely responsible for any tax liability associated with this grant and its exercise.

No later than [Date: 30 days post Grant Date], you must return a signed copy of this Award Agreement to:

[Contact Name]
Merrill Lynch
[Contact’s Street Address]
[Contact’s City, State and Zip Code]

If you do not do this, your NSOs will be forfeited and you will not be entitled to receive anything on account of this Award.

Limits on Exercising Your NSOs

Normally, your NSOs will vest (and become exercisable) on [Date NSOs Vest] but only if you are then actively serving as a Director and all other conditions described in this Award Agreement, the Plan and the Prospectus are met. Once they become exercisable, your NSOs may be exercised anytime before the earlier of the Expiration Date ([Expiration Date]) or one year after you stop being a Director (five years after you stop being a Director after having served at least one full term as a Director before leaving the board).

There are some special situations in which your NSOs may vest earlier. These are described later in this Award Agreement.

At any one time, you may not exercise NSOs to buy fewer than 100 common shares of the Company (or, if smaller, the number of your outstanding vested NSOs). Also, you may never exercise an NSO to purchase a fractional common share of the Company; NSOs for fractional common shares will always be redeemed for cash.

Exercising Your NSOs

After they vest, you may exercise your NSOs by completing an Exercise Notice. A copy of this Exercise Notice is attached to this Award Agreement. Also, a copy of this Exercise Notice and a description of the procedures that you must follow to exercise your NSOs, are available from Merrill Lynch or by contacting [CONTACT NAME] at [Contact Telephone Number] or at the address shown above.

You may use one of three methods to exercise your NSOs. You will decide on the method at the time of exercise.

Cashless Exercise and Sell: If you elect this alternative, you will be deemed to have simultaneously exercised the NSOs and to have sold the common shares underlying those NSOs. When the transaction is complete, you will receive cash (but no common shares of the Company) equal to the difference between the aggregate value of the common shares deemed to have been acquired through the exercise *minus* the NSOs' aggregate exercise price.

Combination Exercise: If you elect this alternative, you will be deemed to have simultaneously exercised the NSOs and to have sold a number of those common shares with a value equal to the NSOs' aggregate exercise price. When the transaction is complete, the balance of the common shares subject to the NSOs you exercised will be transferred to you.

Exercise and Hold: If you elect this alternative, you must pay the full exercise price (in cash, a cash equivalent or in common shares of the Company having a value equal to the exercise price and which you have owned for at least six months before the exercise date). When the transaction is complete, you will receive one common share for each NSO exercised.

Before choosing an exercise method, you should read the "Federal Income Tax" section of the Prospectus to ensure you understand the federal income tax effect of exercising your NSOs and of the exercise method you choose.

If you do not elect one of these methods, we will apply the Cashless Exercise and Sell method described above.

Tax Treatment of Your NSOs

The federal income tax treatment of your NSOs is discussed in the Plan's Prospectus.

General Terms and Conditions

You May Forfeit Your NSOs

Normally, you may exercise your NSOs after they vest and before the Expiration Date ([Expiration Date]). However, your NSOs will be cancelled on the date (if any) you cease to perform services for the Company after having been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony.

Your NSOs May Vest Earlier Than Described Above. Normally, your NSOs will vest only in the circumstances described above. However, if there is a "Change in Control" (as defined in the Plan), your NSOs may vest earlier. You should read the Plan and the Prospectus carefully to ensure that you understand how this may happen.

Amendment/Termination. We may amend or terminate the Plan at any time.

Rights Before Your NSOs Are Exercised: You may not vote, or receive any dividends associated with, the common shares underlying your NSOs.

Beneficiary Designation: You may name a beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive or to exercise any vested NSOs that are unexercised when you die. This may be done only on the attached Beneficiary Designation Form and by following the rules described in that Form. The Beneficiary Designation Form need not be completed now and is not required as a condition of receiving your Award. If you die without completing a Beneficiary Designation Form or if you do not complete that Form correctly, your beneficiary will be your surviving spouse or, if you do not have a surviving spouse, your estate.

Transferring Your NSOs: Normally your NSOs may not be transferred to another person. However, you may complete a Beneficiary Designation Form to name the person who may exercise your NSOs if you die before their Expiration Date. Also, the Committee may allow you to place your NSOs into a trust established for your benefit or for the benefit of your family. Contact [Contact Name] at [Contact Telephone Number] or at the address given below if you are interested in doing this.

Governing Law: This Award Agreement will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the United States and of the State of Ohio (other than laws governing conflicts of laws).

Other Agreements: Also, your NSOs will be subject to the terms of any other written agreements between you and the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary to the extent that those other agreements do not directly conflict with the terms of the Plan or this Award Agreement.

Adjustments to NSOs: Your NSOs will be adjusted, if appropriate, to reflect any change to the Company's capital structure (e.g., the number of your NSOs and the Exercise Price will be adjusted to reflect a stock split).

Other Rules: Your NSOs also are subject to more rules described in the Plan and in the Plan's Prospectus. You should read both of these documents carefully to ensure you fully understand all the terms and conditions of the grant of NSOs made to you under this Award Agreement.

You may contact [Contact Name] at [Contact Telephone Number] or at the address given below if you have any questions about your Award or this Award Agreement.

Your Acknowledgment of Award Conditions

Note: You must sign and return a copy of this Award Agreement to [Contact Name] at the address given below no later than [Date: 30 days post Grant Date].

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that:

- A copy of the Plan has been made available to me;

- I have received a copy of the Plan's Prospectus;
- I understand and accept the conditions placed on my NSOs and understand what I must do to earn and exercise my NSOs;
- I will consent (in my own behalf and in behalf of my beneficiaries and without any further consideration) to any necessary change to my NSOs or this Award Agreement to comply with any law and to avoid paying penalties under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, even if those changes affect the terms of my NSOs and reduce their value or potential value; and
- If I do not return a signed copy of this Award Agreement to the address shown below not later than [Date: 30 days post Grant Date], my NSOs will be forfeited and I will not be entitled to receive anything on account of this Award.

[Grantee's Name]

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

_____ (signature)

By: _____

Date signed: _____ Date signed: _____

A signed copy of this Award Agreement must be sent to the following address no later than [Date: 30 days post Grant Date]:

[Contact Name]
 Merrill Lynch
 [Contact's Street Address]
 [Contact's City, State and Zip Code]
 [Contact Telephone Number]

After it is received, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan Committee will acknowledge receipt of your signed Award Agreement.

Committee's Acknowledgment of Receipt

A signed copy of this Award Agreement was received on _____.

By: _____

[Grantee's Name]

_____ Has complied with the conditions imposed on the grant and the Award Agreement remains in effect; or

_____ Has not complied with the conditions imposed on the grant and the NSOs are forfeited because

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The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan Committee

By: _____

Date: _____

Note: Send a copy of this completed Award Agreement to [Grantee's Name] and keep a copy as part of the Plan's permanent records.

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY
2006 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION EXERCISE NOTICE
AFFECTING NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED TO
[GRANTEE'S NAME] ON [GRANT DATE]

Additional copies of this Nonqualified Stock Option Exercise Notice (and any further information you may need about this Exercise Notice or exercising your NSOs) are available from [Contact Name] at [Contact Telephone Number] or at the address given below.

By completing this Exercise Notice and returning it to [Contact Name] at the address given below, I elect to exercise the NSOs described below:

Note: You must complete a separate Nonqualified Stock Option Exercise Notice each time you exercise NSOs granted under each Award Agreement (e.g., if you are exercising 200 NSOs granted January 1, 2007 and 100 NSOs granted January 1, 2008 under a separate award agreement, you must complete two Nonqualified Stock Option Exercise Notices, one for each set of NSOs being exercised).

Affected NSOs: This exercise relates to the following NSOs (fill in the blanks):

Grant Date: [Grant Date]

Number of NSOs being exercised with this Exercise Notice: _____

Exercise Price: The Exercise Price due is \$ _____

Note: This amount must be the product of \$[Exercise Price] multiplied by the number of NSOs being exercised.

Payment of Exercise Price: I have decided to pay the Exercise Price by (check one):

Note: These methods are described in the Award Agreement.

Cashless Exercise and Sell.

Combination Exercise.

Exercise and Hold.

Note:

- If you select the Exercise and Hold method of exercise, you must also follow the procedures described in the Award Agreement to pay the Exercise Price related to this exercise.
 - If you select either the Cashless Exercise and Sell or the Combination Exercise methods of paying the Exercise Price, you should contact [Contact Name] at
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The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan Committee

By: _____

Date: _____

Note: Keep a copy of this Exercise Notice as part of the Plan's permanent records.

**THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY
2006 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN
BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION FORM
RELATING TO NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AWARD GRANTED TO
[GRANTEE'S NAME] ON [GRANT DATE]**

1.00 Instructions for Completing This Beneficiary Designation Form

You may use this Beneficiary Designation Form to [1] name the person you want to receive any amount due under The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan after your death or [2] change the person who will receive these benefits.

There are several things you should know before you complete this Beneficiary Designation Form:

First, if you do not elect another beneficiary, any amount due to you under the Plan when you die will be paid to your surviving spouse or, if you have no surviving spouse, to your estate.

Second, your election will not be effective (and will not be implemented) unless you complete all applicable portions of this Beneficiary Designation Form and return it to [Contact Name] at the address given below.

Third, all elections will remain in effect until they are changed (or until all death benefits are paid).

Fourth, if you designate your spouse as your beneficiary but are subsequently divorced from that person (or your marriage is annulled), your beneficiary designation will be revoked automatically.

Fifth, if you have any questions about this Beneficiary Designation Form or if you need additional copies of this form, please contact [Contact Name] at [Contact Telephone Number] or at the address or number given below.

1.00 Designation of Beneficiary

1.01 Primary Beneficiary:

I designate the following person(s) as my Primary Beneficiary or Beneficiaries to receive any amount due after my death under the terms of the Award Agreement described at the top of this Beneficiary Designation Form. This benefit will be paid, in the proportion specified, to:

_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____

_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____
_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____
_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____

1.02 Contingent Beneficiary

If one or more of my Primary Beneficiaries die before I die, I direct that any amount due after my death under the terms of the Award described at the top of this Beneficiary Designation Form:

_____ Be paid to my other named Primary Beneficiaries in proportion to the allocation given above (ignoring the interest allocated to the deceased Primary Beneficiary); or

_____ Be distributed among the following Contingent Beneficiaries:

_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____

_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____

_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____

_____ % to _____
(Name) (Relationship)

Address: _____

Elections made on this Beneficiary Designation Form will be effective only after this Form is received by [Contact Name] and only if it is fully and properly completed and signed.

[Grantee's Name]

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Sign and return this Beneficiary Designation Form to [Contact Name] at the address given below.

Date

Signature

Return this signed Beneficiary Designation Form to [Contact Name] at the following address:

[Contact Name]

Merrill Lynch

[Contact's Street Address]

[Contact's City, State and Zip Code]

[Contact Telephone Number]

Received on: _____

By: _____

THE SCOTTS COMPANY LLC
EXECUTIVE/MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PLAN (THE “PLAN” or “EMIP”)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Objectives

- 1.1 Provide meaningful financial incentives consistent with and supportive of Corporate strategies and objectives.
- 1.2 Encourage team effort toward achievement of corporate financial and strategic goals aligned with our shareholders and customers.
- 1.3 Contribute toward a competitive compensation program for all Associates participating in the Plan (“Participants”).

2. Participation

- 2.1 All managers and more senior level employees of The Scotts Company LLC (the “Company”) and all “Affiliates” and “Subsidiaries” (as defined in Internal Revenue Code §414(b) and (c)) are eligible to participate upon recommendation by management and in the case of covered employees (as defined in Internal Revenue Code §162(m)) approval by the Compensation and Organization Committee of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (the “Committee”).
 - 2.2 Participants must be actively employed in an eligible job/position for at least 13 consecutive weeks during the Plan Year (fiscal year).
 - 2.3 Participant eligibility is based on active status during the fiscal year. Periods of inactive status such as short — term disability and other leaves will be reflected in the eligible earnings and payout calculation.
 - 2.4 Participants must be employed on the last day of the fiscal year to be eligible for a payment.
 - 2.5 Participants, whose employment terminates during the Plan Year, except in cases of retirement, will not be eligible for an incentive payment, prorated or otherwise.
 - 2.6 Participants who retire during the Plan Year will be eligible for a prorated award.
 - 2.7 Participants who hold an eligible position on a part — time basis are eligible for the EMIP. All other terms and conditions apply.
 - 2.8 Participants who move to a different EMIP eligible position or otherwise become eligible for a different target percentage during the Plan Year will be pro — rated
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based on new metrics/target (if applicable) only if the move is for an eligible period of at least 13 weeks in the fiscal year.

- 2.9 Participants who move to a non — EMIP eligible position during the Plan Year will be eligible for a pro — rated payout (based on Plan Year earnings) providing other eligibility requirements are met.
- 2.10 Participants shall not have any right with respect to any award until an award shall, in fact, be paid to them.
- 2.11 The Plan confers no rights upon any associate to participate in the Plan or remain in the employ of the Company. Neither the adoption of the Plan nor its operation shall in any way affect the right of the associate or the Company to terminate the employment relationship at any time.

3. Plan Design, Performance Measures, and Payouts

- 3.1 The Plan is designed to recognize and reward performance against established financial targets. The Plan is comprised of:
 - (a) A corporate net income “funding trigger” below which no incentives will be paid to any participant;
 - (b) Up to five standard Performance Measures from the list of available Performance Measures, below;
 - (c) An earnings “multiplier” that will reinforce the importance of earnings by modifying the performance results against all of the other goals; and
 - (d) The ability to tailor incentive measure weights to each particular group or unit reflecting the relative contribution that group or unit can make to those results.
- 3.2 Available Performance Measures under the Plan shall be measured over the period established by the Committee and be limited to the following:
 - (a) Net earnings or net income (before or after taxes);
 - (b) Earnings per share (basic or diluted);
 - (c) Net sales or revenue growth;
 - (d) Net operating profit;
 - (e) Return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, capital, invested capital, equity, sales, or revenue);

- (f) Cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity, and cash flow return on investment);
- (g) Earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, and/or amortization;
- (h) Gross or operating margins;
- (i) Productivity ratios;
- (j) Share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total shareholder return);
- (k) Expense targets;
- (l) Margins;
- (m) Operating efficiency;
- (n) Market share;
- (o) Customer satisfaction/service;
- (p) Product Fill Rate percent (% of orders filled on first delivery) or All-In Fill Rate percent (% calculated dollar fill based on potential) times Inventory Turns;
- (q) Working capital targets;
- (r) Economic value added or EVA(R)(net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital);
- (s) Developing new products and lines of revenue;
- (t) Reducing operating expenses;
- (u) Developing new markets;
- (v) Meeting completion schedules;
- (w) Developing and managing relationships with regulatory and other governmental agencies;
- (x) Managing cash;
- (y) Managing claims against the Company, including litigation; and

(z) Identifying and completing strategic acquisitions.

(aa) Any Performance Measure(s) may be used to measure the performance of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate as a whole or any business unit of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate or any combination thereof, as the Committee may deem appropriate, or any of the above Performance Measures as compared to the performance of a group of comparator companies, or published or special index that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

3.3 Performance above and below target performance goals will be incrementally calculated so Participants will receive a payout calculated on a straight — line basis.

3.4 The maximum amount of compensation that could be paid to any Participant in any Plan Year from this Plan is \$2.5 million.

3.5 All payments under the Plan will be made by the 15th day of the third month following the close of the applicable Plan Year.

4. Employee Agreement and Forfeiture of Payment

4.1 Regardless of any other provision of this section and unless the Incentive Review Committee specifies otherwise, in order to participate in the Plan, Participant must execute an Employee Confidentiality, Noncompetition, Nonsolicitation Agreement.

4.2 Furthermore, regardless of any other provision of this section and unless the Incentive Review Committee specifies otherwise, a Participant who breaches any part of that Agreement will forfeit any future payment under the Plan and will also return to the Company any monies paid out to Participant under this Plan within the three years prior to said breach.

4.3 By Participating in this plan, a Participant hereby consents to a deduction from any amount the Company may owe the Participant (including amounts owed to the Participant as wages or other compensation, fringe benefits, or vacation pay as well as any other amounts owed to the Participant by the Company), to the extent of the amounts owed the Company under this section, whether or not the Company elects to make any Set-Off in whole or in part. If the Company does not recover by means of set-off, the full amount the Participant owes it, calculated as set forth above, the Participant agree to pay immediately the unpaid balance to the Company.

5. Administration

- 5.1 The Plan is to be administered by the Vice President, Global Total Rewards or the Committee designee, who will be responsible for:
- (a) Recommending changes in the Plan as appropriate;
 - (b) Recommending payout targets; and
 - (c) Recommending additions or deletions to the list of eligible associates.
- 5.2 The Incentive Review Committee (comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President, Human Resources and the Chief Financial Officer) is responsible for:
- (a) Approving the percentages by which financial measurements vary from approved budgets and business unit financial performance results;
 - (b) Adjudicating changes and adjustments; and
 - (c) Recommending Plan payouts.
- 5.3 The Committee approves:
- (a) Changes in the Plan design;
 - (b) The payout percentage;
 - (c) Additions or deletions of eligible associates; and
 - (e) Payouts to all Participants after written certification that Performance Measures have been met.
- 5.4 The Committee shall approve the Plan measures within 90 days of the beginning of the performance period but no later than 25% of the performance period. Material terms of the Plan, including the Plan measures, are disclosed to shareholders and, before payout, are approved by a majority of the votes cast on the proposal to adopt this Plan with abstentions counted as negative votes. The foregoing qualifies payments under the Plan as performance based compensation under Internal Revenue Code §162(m).
- 5.5 The Committee shall review the operation of the Plan and (subject to restrictions imposed in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code), if at any time the continuation of the Plan or any of its provisions becomes inappropriate or inadvisable, the Committee shall revise or modify Plan provisions or recommend to the Board of Directors of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (the "Board") that

the Plan be suspended or withdrawn. In addition, the Committee reserves the right to modify incentive formulas to reflect unusual circumstances.

5.6 The Board reserves to itself the right to suspend the Plan, to withdraw the Plan, and, to the extent allowed without shareholder approval, make alterations in Plan concept.