## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HAGEDORN JAMES |   |  |   |               |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [ SMG ] |   |     |   |  |                      |  |   |                                       | all appli<br>Directo                                    | cable)<br>or  | g Per   |  | vner   |  |
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|  | E SCOTTS  | irst)<br>MIRACLE-GRO<br>WN ROAD            | (Middle)  COM   | PANY          |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/30/2015               |   |     |   |  |                      |  |   | X                                     | Officer (give title below)  Chairman, President and CEO |   |   |  |  |  |
| (Street) MARYS   | VILLE O   | H ·  | 43041   |               | -   4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                  |   |     |   |  |                      |  | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X  | Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |   |   |  |  |  |
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|  |   | Tab  | le I - N  | on-Deriv      | ative   |   |   |     | quire   | d, D   | isposed (            |  |   |                                       | Owned   | t   |   |  |  |  |
| Da   |   | 2. Transac<br>Date<br>(Month/Da            |   | Exec<br>if an | A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>fany<br>Month/Day/Year) |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |     | 4. Securitie<br>Disposed                          | s Acquired (A) or<br>of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and |                      | nd 5)  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following |                                       | Forn<br>(D) c   | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |   |               |   |   |   |     | Code  | v  | Amount               | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price   | •                                     | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)          |   |   |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Shares 11/3                                       |   |  | 11/30/2   | 2015          |   |   |   | J   | V   | 31.8421                                      | A                    | \$6  | 2.81  | 7,25                                  | 1.4856  |   | D   |  |  |  |
| Common   | Shares  |  |   | 12/10/2       | 2015  |   |   |     | J   | V  | 36.0601              | A  | \$67  | 7.7516                                | 7,28  | 7.5457  |   | D  |  |  |
| Common Shares  |   |  |   |               |   |   |   |     |   |  |                      | 40,5   | 0,595.821   |                                       | I   | By<br>401(K)<br>Plan  |   |  |  |  |
| Common Shares  |   |  |   |               |   |   |   |     |   |  |                      |  |   |                                       | 1,88  | 30,789  |   | I  | HPLP <sup>(1)</sup>  |  |
|  |   | Т  | able II   |               |   |   |   |     |   |  | posed of<br>converti |  |   |                                       | wned  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |               | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code (Inst<br>8)                    |   |   |     | 6. Date Exerci<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Ye |  | ate                  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | De<br>Se<br>(Ir                       | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5)               | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | ly  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |   |               | Code  | v   | (A)                                     | (D) | Date<br>Exercis                                   | able   | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar                                | ber                                   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| Phantom  | (2)   | 12/10/2015                                 |   |               | A   |   | 389.4                                   |     | (3)   |  | (3)                  | Common   | 389   | 0.4                                   | \$71.06   | 60,152.0  | 21  | D  |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(a)(1), the reporting person may be deemed, solely for purposes of determining whether he is a beneficial owner of more than 10% of the common shares of the Issuer ("Common Shares"), to be the beneficial owner of the securities of the Issuer that are held by Hagedorn Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership in which the reporting person is a general partner (the "Partnership"). Represents the aggregate proportionate interest of the reporting person and those family members in whose holdings he may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest, in Common Shares held by
- 2. Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one common share of Issuer or the cash value thereof.
- 3. Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Issuer. The reporting person may transfer his/her phantom stock account into an alternative

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-infact for James Hagedorn

12/14/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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