

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HAGEDORN JAMES</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD (Street) MARYSVILLE OH 43041 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [SMG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman, CEO and President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/23/2024</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	01/23/2024 ⁽¹⁾		A		43,759	A	\$0	89,250.2665	D	
Common Shares								27,384.083	I	By 401(K) Plan
Common Shares								1,475,074	I	HPLP ⁽²⁾

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

1. On February 3, 2023, the Issuer made a grant to the Reporting Person of 43,759 performance units (the "2023 grant"). Under the award agreement, the 2023 grant included an issuance provision under which the Reporting Person would receive a range of 50% to 100% of the original grant depending on certain pre-determined performance criteria over the entirety of the plan performance period. On January 23, 2024, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors determined that the performance measures related to the 2023 grant were satisfied to the extent required to permit for the issuance of shares equal to 100% of the original grant. The grant continues to be subject to service based vesting requirements that will be fully satisfied on February 3, 2026.

2. 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 the Partnership.

Remarks:

/s/ Kathy L. Uttley as
attorney-in-fact for James 01/25/2024
Hagedorn

** 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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