## FORM 4

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	<b>OF CHANGE</b>	S IN BENEFICIAL	. OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     HAGEDORN JAMES						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [ SMG ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director X 10% Owner					
(Last)	`	First) MIRACLE-GRO	(Middle)  COMPAN	ΙΥ		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2023							X	Officer (give title below)  Chairman and CEO					
14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD					4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Indi	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) MARYS	VILLE (	ЭH	43041											X	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Per				
(City)	(	State)	(Zip)		-   F    [	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a co affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.						contract, i	ntract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the						
		7	able I - No	n-Der	rivat	tive S	Securitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	of, or B	enef	icially (	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a				nd 5) Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
							Code	v	Amount		or F	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				Instr. 4)		
Common	Common Shares 09/08			08/20	023		J	V	103.22	212 A \$54.		\$54.709	125,248.3781		D				
Common	Shares														25,400.415			I 4	By 401(K) Plan
Common	Shares														1,475	,074		I I	HPLP <sup>(1)</sup>
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1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) Pice of Derivative Security (Month/Day/Year)		3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	tion Date, Tra		nsaction Deriva Secur Acqui or Dis (D) (In		Derivative I		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Securities Underl Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported	e es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title		ount or nber of res			ion(s)		
Phantom Stock	(2)	09/08/2023			A		2,160.286	П	(3)		(3)	Common	2,1	60.286	\$52.891	176,984	1.338	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 the Partnership.
- $2. \ Each \ share \ of \ phantom \ stock \ represents \ the \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ common \ share \ of \ Issuer \ or \ the \ cash \ value \ thereof.$
- 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 into an alternative investment at any

## Remarks:

/s/ Kathy L. Uttley as attorneyin-fact for James Hagedorn

09/12/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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