## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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<b>STATEMENT</b>	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HAGEDORN JAMES				2	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) C/O THE	,	First) MIRACLE-GRO	(Middle)	NY		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2023							)	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chairman, CEO and President				
14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD				_ 4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) MARYSVILLE OH 43041				X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person										ng Person				
(City)	(	State)	(Zip)		_   I	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.						nt to a contract on 10.	ntract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the					
		Т	able I - N	on-De	erivat	tive S	Securitie	s Ac	quirec	l, Di	sposed o	of, or Be	neficially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da				Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.			ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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	Transaction (Instr. 3 and				illstr. 4)	
Common Shares 12/08/			08/202	2023		J	V	95.443	9 A	\$60.474	3 44,794	44,794.1951		D				
Common Shares												27,38	4.083		I	By 401(K) Plan		
Common Shares													1,475	5,074		I	HPLP <sup>(1)</sup>	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
		Transa Code (	saction e (Instr. 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 Securities Underlyin Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
			Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Date		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr.										
Phantom Stock	(2)	12/08/2023			A		1,940.147		(3)		(3)	Common Shares	1,940.147	\$61.48	184,284	4.457	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 time.

## Remarks:

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

12/12/2023

\*\* 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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