SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MCCANN JAMES F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

[SMG]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/09/2016

Officer (give title below)

X_ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY, 14111 SCOTTSLAWN

ROAD

(Last)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

(Instr. 4)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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

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| 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | 5. tionNumber of) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5 |
|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Dividend Equivalent Rights | <u>(1)</u> | 12/09/2016 | | A | 52 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Shares | 52 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCCANN JAMES F

C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY
14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for James F.

McCann

12/13/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The dividend equivalent rights accrued on DSU grants and become exercisable proportionately with the DSUs to which they relate. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one common share of the Issuer.

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