

Johnson Stephen L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Johnson Stephen L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [SMG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/30/2018

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	01/30/2018		M	211 A <u>11</u>	15,998	D	
Common Shares	01/31/2018		M	42 A <u>11</u>	16,040	D	

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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	01/30/2018		M	18	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Shares	18
Deferred Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	01/31/2018		M	1	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Shares	1
Dividend Equivalent Rights	<u>(1)</u>	01/30/2018		M	193	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Shares	193
Dividend Equivalent Rights	<u>(1)</u>	01/31/2018		M	41	<u>(3)(4)(5)(6)</u>	<u>(3)(4)(5)(6)</u>	Common Shares	41

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Stephen L C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041	X			

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Stephen L. Johnson  
Date: 02/01/2018

\*\*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) Deferred stock units convert into common shares of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis.
- (2)

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On January 30, 2015, the reporting person was granted 2,681 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 30, 2016.

- (3) On January 30, 2015, the reporting person was granted 99 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on January 30, 2015.
- (4) On April 1, 2015, the reporting person was granted 93 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on April 1, 2015.
- (5) On July 1, 2015, the reporting person was granted 105 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on July 1, 2015.
- (6) On October 1, 2015, the reporting person was granted 103 deferred stock units, with accruing dividend equivalent rights, vesting on October 1, 2015.

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