

SANDERS BARRY W  
Form 4  
July 23, 2009

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SANDERS BARRY W

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)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, North America

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                   |
| Common<br>Shares                      | 07/22/2009                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 9,517                                                                                                              | A                                                                    | \$<br>20.12                             |
| Common<br>Shares                      | 07/22/2009                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 9,517                                                                                                              | D                                                                    | \$ 40                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 61,233.328                              |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      | 51,716.328                              |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                       | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                              |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 20.12                                                           | 07/22/2009                              |                                                             | M                                    | 9,517                                                                                                           | 11/07/2005                                                     | 11/06/2012         | Common<br>Shares                                                    | 9,517                                                               |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SANDERS BARRY W  
C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY  
14111 SCOTTS LAWN ROAD  
MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

EVP, North America

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Barry W.  
Sanders

07/23/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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