

SANDERS BARRY W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
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  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 |   |        |       | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--------|-------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                | V | Amount | Price |   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 01/23/2013                           |  | M                   |   | 8,700  | A     | 28,484.586  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 01/23/2013                           |  | S(2)                |   | 500    | D     | 27,984.586  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 01/23/2013                           |  | S(2)                |   | 300    | D     | 27,684.586  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 01/23/2013                           |  | S(2)                |   | 321    | D     | 27,363.586  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 01/23/2013                           |  | S(2)                |   | 450    | D     | 26,913.586  | D  |                                   |

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|               |            |             |       |   |            |            |   |
|---------------|------------|-------------|-------|---|------------|------------|---|
| Common Shares |            |             |       |   |            |            |   |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 629   | D | \$ 44.64   | 26,284.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 500   | D | \$ 44.65   | 25,784.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 100   | D | \$ 44.66   | 25,684.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 652   | D | \$ 44.6616 | 25,032.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 248   | D | \$ 44.68   | 24,784.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 200   | D | \$ 44.69   | 24,584.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 200   | D | \$ 44.7    | 24,384.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 1,500 | D | \$ 44.71   | 22,884.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 100   | D | \$ 44.72   | 22,784.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 700   | D | \$ 44.73   | 22,084.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 400   | D | \$ 44.74   | 21,684.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 300   | D | \$ 44.75   | 21,384.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 73    | D | \$ 44.77   | 21,311.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 227   | D | \$ 44.78   | 21,084.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 200   | D | \$ 44.785  | 20,884.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 200   | D | \$ 44.79   | 20,684.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 200   | D | \$ 44.82   | 20,484.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 500   | D | \$ 44.83   | 19,984.586 | D |
| Common Shares | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 100   | D | \$ 44.87   | 19,884.586 | D |
|               | 01/23/2013 | <u>S(2)</u> | 100   | D | \$ 44.88   | 19,784.586 | D |

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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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 01/23/2013                           |  | M                              | 8,700  | 01/20/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/20/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>      | Common Shares   | 8,700                         |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

President and COO

## Signatures

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

01/25/2013

\*\*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).

- The restricted stock units were granted, together with an equal number of related dividend equivalents, under The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"), and subject to the terms and conditions of an individual award agreement. Each whole restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one common share of the Issuer ("Common Share"). The restricted stock units vested on January 20, 2013.
- (1)
  - (2) The sales reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 21, 2012.

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