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STUMP DENISE Symi				Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading nbol COTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO MG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(First) ( COTTS MIRAC 7, 14111 SCOTT		3. Date o (Month/I 10/31/2	Day/Yea		ansaction			Director X Officer (give to below) EVP, Globa		Owner r (specify urces	
				endment, Date Original onth/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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	e I - No	on-D	erivative	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ied Date, if	3.	actior 8)	4. Securi n(A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount	ties Ac sposed	quired l of (D) 5) Price	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 Indirect	
Common Shares	10/31/2017			J	V	5.5766	А	\$ 89.66	13,148.1365	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	11/27/2017		А	58.881	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	58.881	\$9

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
STUMP DENISE C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041			EVP, Global Human Resources					
Signatures								
Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Denise S. Stump		11/29/2017						
**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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one common share of Issuer or the cash value thereof.
- (2) 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 account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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