## Edgar Filing: STUMP DENISE - Form 4

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(Print or Type I	Responses)												
STUMP DENISE Syn SC				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading ymbol COTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO SMG]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Mor				e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year) 5/2018						Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, Global Human Resources			
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Origina Filed(Month/Day/Year)					nal		<ol> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> </ol>						
MARYSVI	LLE, OH 43041									Form filed by Me Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - N	on-D	erivati	ve Se	curi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ed Date, if	3.	action . 8)	4. Sec n(A) or (Instr.	urities Dispo 3, 4 a	s Aco osed	quired of (D) ) 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	03/23/2018			J	V	6.981	3 A	A	\$ 71.62	16,628.5137	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 D S (I
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	03/26/2018		А	301.122		(2)	(2)	Common Shares	301.122	:

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	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		03/28/2018					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					
Explanation of Responses:							

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- 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.
- Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Issuer. The reporting (2)person may transfer his/her phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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