

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

Form SC TO-C

December 12, 2006

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

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company**  
*(Name of Subject Company (issuer))*

**The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (Offeror and Issuer)**  
*(Names of Filing Persons (identifying status as offeror, issuer or other person))*

**Common Shares, without par value**  
*(Title of Class of Securities)*

**810186106**  
*(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)*

**David M. Aronowitz**  
**Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**

**The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company**  
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*(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to  
receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)*

***Copy to:***

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- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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On December 12, 2006, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (the Company ) issued a press release announcing, among other things, its intention to commence a tender offer for approximately \$250 million of its common shares, without par value. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. On December 12, 2006, the Company also posted on its intranet an internal communication to the associates of the Company and its subsidiaries addressing questions in connection with the transactions described in the press release. This internal communication is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

This Schedule TO is not an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell any of the Company's common shares. The Company has not yet commenced the tender offer described herein. On the commencement date of the tender offer, an offer to purchase, a letter of transmittal and related documents will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, will be mailed to shareholders of record and will also be made available for distribution to beneficial owners of the Company's common shares. The solicitation of offers to buy the Company's common shares will only be made pursuant to the offer to purchase, the letter of transmittal and related documents. When they are available, shareholders should read those materials carefully because they will contain important information, including the various terms of, and conditions to, the tender offer. When they are available, shareholders will be able to obtain the offer to purchase, the letter of transmittal and related documents without charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or from the information agent that is selected by the Company. Shareholders are urged to read carefully those materials when they become available prior to making any decisions with respect to the tender offer.

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| Exhibit No.  | Description                            |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release                          |
| Exhibit 99.2 | Internal Communication with Associates |

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SIGNATURE

EX-99.1

EX-99.2

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**SIGNATURE**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

\*

(Signature)

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(Name and title)

December 12, 2006

(Date)

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