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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549****FORM S-8****REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933****THE TORO COMPANY**

(Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)41-0580470  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)8111 Lyndale Avenue South  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**2000 STOCK OPTION PLAN**  
(Full title of the plan)J. Lawrence McIntyre, Esquire  
Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel  
The Toro Company  
8111 Lyndale Avenue South  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420  
Telephone number: (952) 888-8801  
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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Helen P. Starr, Esquire  
Perkins Coie LLP  
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Washington, D.C. 20005

## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (a)	500,000 shares(b)	\$ 55.725(c)	\$ 27,862,500(c)	\$ 2,564(d)

- (a) Each share of Common Stock includes one Preferred Share Purchase Right pursuant to the Rights Agreement dated May 20, 1998. Value attributable to such Rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the Common Stock.
- (b) An indeterminate number of shares will be issued from time to time to participants pursuant to the Plan.
- (c) Estimated solely to calculate the registration fee, pursuant to Rule 457(c), on the basis of the average of the high and low prices reported in the consolidated reporting system on May 22, 2002, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Tape.
- (d) Restricted fee to be applied to account number 737758.
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## INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This Registration Statement filed pursuant to Instruction E of Form S-8 relates to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-39052), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 12, 2000. Under that Registration Statement, Registrant registered 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock to be offered and sold in connection with The Toro Company 2000 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). This Registration Statement increases to 1,500,000 shares the total number of shares registered for issuance under the Plan.

The contents of Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-39052) are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

## AMENDMENT TO INCREASE SHARES

On March 14, 2002, the stockholders of Registrant approved an amendment to the Plan to increase the number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Plan from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000, subject to adjustment to reflect changes in the corporate or capital structure of Registrant, including but not limited to stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions. As permitted by the instructions to Form S-8, this Registration Statement omits the information specified in Part I of Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission allow the Registrant to incorporate by reference information into this Registration Statement. This means that the Registrant may disclose important information to you by referring you to another document.

The following documents have been filed by the Registrant with the SEC and are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

1. Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001 (File No. 1-8649).
2. Its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 1, 2002 (File No. 1-8649).
3. The descriptions of its Common Stock and Preferred Share Purchase Rights contained in its Registration Statements filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such descriptions (File No. 1-8649).

All documents subsequently filed by Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which

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indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of those documents. The information contained in a document will automatically update and supersede any information previously incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

### **Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

The opinion of counsel as to the legality of the securities being registered, which is Exhibit 5 to this Registration Statement, is rendered by J. Lawrence McIntyre, Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel to Registrant. Mr. McIntyre participates in this Plan. As of May 22, 2002, Mr. McIntyre owned 9,465.146 shares of Toro Common Stock and held options to purchase 40,928 shares. 8,000 of the options are subject to vesting requirements. He also holds 22,200 Performance Share Awards, which are rights to receive Toro Common Stock if pre-established performance goals are achieved and are subject to cancellation if goals are not achieved. A total of 18,871.199 Common Stock units are credited to his account under a deferred compensation plan. 2,530.636 of these are subject to vesting requirements based on his continued employment by Registrant.

### **Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 2 of Article X of the Registrant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation mandates indemnification of a director or officer of Registrant or a person serving at the request of the Registrant as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law against expenses, liability and loss and authorizes the Board to express such rights in written contracts.

Section 1 of Article X of the Registrant's Restated Certificate of the Incorporation provides, in accordance with Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, for the elimination or limitation of the personal liability of a director to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director under certain circumstances.

### **Item 8. Exhibits.**

The exhibits are listed in the exhibit index.

**SIGNATURES**

**The Registrant.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bloomington, State of Minnesota on the 28th day of May, 2002.

**THE TORO COMPANY**  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ J. Lawrence McIntyre

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J. Lawrence McIntyre, Vice President,  
Secretary and General Counsel

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS**, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Kendrick B. Melrose, Stephen P. Wolfe and J. Lawrence McIntyre, or any one of them, each with power to act without the other, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and/or all subsequent amendments to this registration statement, and to file the same, or cause to be filed the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby approving and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Kendrick B. Melrose _____	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	May 16, 2002
Kendrick B. Melrose		

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<u>/s/ Stephen P. Wolfe</u> Stephen P. Wolfe	Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Randy B. James</u> Randy B. James	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Ronald O. Baukol</u> Ronald O. Baukol	Director	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Robert C. Buhrmaster</u> Robert C. Buhrmaster	Director	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Winslow H. Buxton</u> Winslow H. Buxton	Director	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Janet K. Cooper</u> Janet K. Cooper	Director	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Katherine J. Harless</u> Katherine J. Harless	Director	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Robert H. Nassau</u> Robert H. Nassau	Director	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Dale R. Olseth</u> Dale R. Olseth	Director	May 16, 2002
<u>/s/ Christopher A. Twomey</u> Christopher A. Twomey	Director	May 16, 2000

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/s/ Gregg W. Steinhafel

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Director

May 16, 2002

Gregg W. Steinhafel

/s/ Edwin H. Wingate

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Director

May 16, 2002

Edwin H. Wingate



**EXHIBIT LIST**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4	Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures
4(a)	Specimen form of Common Stock certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(c) to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 2-94417)
4(b)	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) and 4(a) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2001, Commission File No. 1-8649)
4(c)	Bylaws of Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) and 4(d) to Registrant's Quarterly Report Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 3, 2001, Commission File No. 1-8649)
4(f)	Rights Agreement dated as of May 20, 1998, between the Registrant and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota National Association, relating to rights to purchase Series B Junior Participating Voting Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (c)(1) to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 27, 1998, Commission File No. 1-8649)
4(g)	Indenture dated as of January 31, 1997 between Registrant and First National Trust Association, as Trustee, relating to Registrant's 7.125% Notes due June 15, 2007 and its 7.80% Debentures due June 15, 2027 (incorporated by reference Exhibit 4(a) to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K for June 24, 1997, Commission File No. 1-8649)
5	Opinion of counsel regarding legality.
23(a)	Consent of KPMG LLP.
23(b)	Consent of counsel (contained in Exhibit 5)
24	Powers of Attorney (contained in signature pages)

May 28, 2002

The Toro Company  
8111 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55420

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Gentlemen:

I am Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of The Toro Company (the "Company"). In connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to an aggregate of up to an additional 500,000 shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), and up to an additional 500,000 related Preferred Share Purchase Rights (the "Rights") of the Company, to be issued in connection with The Toro Company 2000 Stock Option Plan, please be advised that as counsel to the Company, upon examination of such corporate documents and records as I have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purpose of rendering this opinion, it is my opinion that:

1. The shares of Common Stock being offered by the Company, when issued in accordance with proper corporate authorizations, will be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable; and
2. Assuming that the Rights Agreement dated as of May 20, 1998 (the "Rights Agreement") has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Rights Agent, the Rights, if and when issued as contemplated by the Rights Agreement, as it may be amended from time to time, will have been legally issued and entitled to the benefits of the Rights Agreement pursuant to which they will be issued.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the Federal laws of the United States and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and I am expressing no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the above-captioned Registration Statement, and to the reference to my name under the heading "Interests of Named Experts and Counsel" contained in the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, I do not hereby admit that I am in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Lawrence McIntyre  
J. Lawrence McIntyre  
Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

The Board of Directors  
The Toro Company:

We consent to the use of our reports dated December 3, 2001, except for Note 14, which is as of December 6, 2001, incorporated by reference in this Form S-8.

KPMG LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
May 28, 2002