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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) **- All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name ☑ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

The Nickles Group, LLC

2. Address ☐ **Check if different than previously reported**

Address1 601 13th St. NW Address2 Suite 250 N

City Washington State DC Zip Code 20005 - Country USA

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City State Zip Code - Country

4a. Contact Name: Brian Wild

b. Telephone Number ☐ International Number: (202) 637-0214

c. E-mail: mail@nicklesgroup.com

5. Senate ID#: 293335-874

7. Client Name ☐ *Self* ☐ *Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality*

MONSANTO

6. House ID#: 373380037

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2008 Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☐ Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☑ Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐ Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES **- YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13**

12. Lobbying

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $5,000 ☐

$5,000 or more ☑ $ $ 63,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSE relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than $5,000 ☐

$5,000 or more ☐ $ _____

14. REPORTING Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature Filed Electronically **Date** 07/14/2008

Printed Name and Title Brian Wild, Vice President

Registrant The Nickles Group, LLC Client Name MONSANTO

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code AGR AGRICULTURE (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2419, The Farm Bill, issues related to competition and marketplace size; invasive weeds.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Executive Office of the President (EOP)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Brian	Wild		Exec. Office of the VP, Dpty. Asst. for Leg. Aff.	☐
Don	Nickles		U.S. Senator	☐
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☑ Check if None

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15. General issue area code CPT COPYRIGHT/PATENT/TRADEMARK (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1908 / S. 1145, Patent Reform Act of 2007, all issues related to patent reform efforts and to patents in general.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Cynthia	Merifield Tripodi			☐
Brian	Wild		Exec. Office of the VP, Dpty. Asst. for Leg. Aff.	☐
Don	Nickles		U.S. Senator	☐
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15. General issue area code FOO FOOD INDUSTRY (SAFETY, LABELING, ETC.) (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Biotechnology acceptance, mandatory notification rule.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Agriculture - Dept of (USDA), Executive Office of the President (EOP)

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Brian	Wild		Exec. Office of the VP, Dpty. Asst. for Leg. Aff.	☐
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15. General issue area code FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Free trade agreements biosafety protocol.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Executive Office of the President (EOP), U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

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Brian	Wild		Exec. Office of the VP, Dpty. Asst. for Leg. Aff.	☐
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15. General issue area code SCI SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Biotechnology research.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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15. General issue area code TRD TRADE (DOMESTIC/FOREIGN) (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

European approvals of ag biotech.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

Executive Office of the President (EOP), Commerce - Dept of (DOC), U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

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Brian	Wild		Exec. Office of the VP, Dpty. Asst. for Leg. Aff.	☐
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15. General issue area code LBR LABOR ISSUES/ANTITRUST/WORKPLACE (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Antitrust

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Executive Office of the President (EOP), Justice - Dept of (DOJ)

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