

NATURES SUNSHINE PRODUCTS INC
Form SC 13G/A
February 14, 2017

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 15)

NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, No Par Value

(Title and Class of Securities)

639027101

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2016

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS

1

WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE, L.P. 13-3688497

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2(a) "

(b) Reporting Person is affiliated with other persons

3 SEC USE ONLY

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

674,745 Shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

6

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

674,745 Shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

674,745 Shares

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

3.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

PN

2

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
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1
WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE, L.P. I
13-3953291

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Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

1,017,899 Shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES 6
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY 0
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON 7
WITH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,017,899 Shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,017,899 Shares

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

5.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

PN

3

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
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1
WYNNEFIELD SMALL CAP VALUE OFFSHORE FUND, LTD. (No
IRS Identification No.)

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4

Cayman Islands

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

424,521 Shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES 6
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY 0
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON 7
WITH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

424,521 Shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

424,521 Shares

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

2.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

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WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL, INC. PROFIT SHARING PLAN

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

45,311 Shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES 6
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY 0
EACH 7
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

45,311 Shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

45,311 Shares

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

0.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

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5

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1

WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 13-4018186

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

New York

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

1,692,644 Shares (1)
SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES 6
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY 0
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON 7
WITH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,692,644 Shares (1)
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,692,644 Shares (1)

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

9.0% (1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

OO

(1) Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC holds an indirect beneficial interest in these shares which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. and Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I.

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1
WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL, INC. 13-3688495

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4
Cayman Islands

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

424,521 Shares (1)
SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES 6
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY 0
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON 7
WITH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

424,521 Shares (1)
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

424,521 Shares (1)

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

2.3% (1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

CO

(1) Wynnefield Capital, Inc. holds an indirect beneficial interest in these shares which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd.

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1

NELSON OBUS

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2(a) "

(b) Reporting Person is affiliated with other persons

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

2,162,476 Shares (1)

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

0

EACH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON

7

WITH

2,162,476 Shares (1)

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,162,476 Shares (1)

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.5% (1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

(1) Mr. Obus may be deemed to hold an indirect beneficial interest in these shares, which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P., Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I, Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd. and Wynnefield Capital, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan because he is a co-managing member of Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, a principal executive officer of Wynnefield Capital, Inc. (the investment manager of Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd.), and a co-trustee of Wynnefield Capital, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan. The filing of this Statement and any future amendment by Mr. Obus, and the inclusion of information herein and therein with respect to Mr. Obus, shall not be considered an admission that he, for the purpose of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, is the beneficial owner of any shares in which he does not have a pecuniary interest. Mr. Obus disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock covered by this Statement.

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1

JOSHUA LANDES

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2(a) "

(b) Reporting Person is affiliated with other persons

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

2,162,476 Shares (1)

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

0

EACH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON

7

WITH

2,162,476 Shares (1)

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,162,476 Shares (1)

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.5% (1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

(1) Mr. Landes may be deemed to hold an indirect beneficial interest in these shares, which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P., Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I, Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd. and Wynnefield Capital, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan because he is a co-managing member of Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, a principal executive officer of Wynnefield Capital, Inc. (the investment manager of Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd.), and a co-trustee of Wynnefield Capital, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan. The filing of this Statement and any future amendment by Mr. Landes, and the inclusion of information herein and therein with respect to Mr. Landes, shall not be considered an admission that he, for the purpose of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, is the beneficial owner of any shares in which he does not have a pecuniary interest. Mr. Landes disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock covered by this Statement.

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Name of Issuer:

Item 1(a).

Nature's Sunshine Products, Inc.

Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

Item 1(b).

2500 West Executive Parkway, Suite 100, Lehi, UT 84043

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. ("Partners")

Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I ("Partners I")

Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("Fund")

Wynnefield Capital, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan")

Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC ("WCM")

Wynnefield Capital, Inc. ("WCI")

Nelson Obus

Joshua Landes

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 509, New York, New York 10123

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Partners and Partners I are Delaware limited partnerships.

Fund is Cayman Islands company.

WCM is a New York limited liability company.

WCI is a Delaware corporation.

The Plan is organized in Delaware.

Mr. Obus and Mr. Landes are United States citizens.

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Title of Class of Securities:

Item 2(d).

Common Stock, No Par Value Per Share.

CUSIP Number:

Item 2(e).

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act.
- (d) Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) Investment Adviser registered in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c) (14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (j) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box .

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Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,162,476 Shares

(b) Percent of Class: 11.5% of Common Stock

(c) Number of Shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,162,476 Shares

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0 Shares

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,162,476 Shares

(iv) Shared Power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0 Shares

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. "

Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Item 6

Not Applicable.

Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Item 7.

Not Applicable.

Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

**Item
8.**

See Item 2(a)-(c).

Notice of Dissolution of Group.

**Item
9.**

Not Applicable.

Certifications.

Item

- 10.** By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

Date: February 14, 2017 WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP
VALUE, L.P.

By: Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC,
General Partner

By: /s/ Nelson Obus
Nelson Obus, Managing Member

WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP
VALUE, L.P. I

By: Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC,
General Partner

By: /s/ Nelson Obus
Nelson Obus, Managing Member

WYNNEFIELD SMALL CAP VALUE
OFFSHORE FUND, LTD.

By: Wynnefield Capital, Inc.

By: /s/ Nelson Obus
Nelson Obus, President

WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL, INC. PROFIT
SHARING PLAN

By: /s/ Nelson Obus
Nelson Obus, Authorized Signatory

WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Nelson Obus
Nelson Obus, Co-Managing Member

WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Nelson Obus
Nelson Obus, President

/s/ Nelson Obus
Nelson Obus, Individually

/s/ Joshua Landes
Joshua Landes, Individually