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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Buck Michel	•	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHEY CO [HSY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	()		
100 CRYST	AL A DRIVI	Ξ	(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017	_X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HERSHEY, PA 17033				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		M	2,000	A	\$ 60.68	158,199	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		S(1)	2,000	D	\$ 108.6	156,199	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		A	11,262	A	\$ 0	167,461	D	
Common Stock							172.7781 (2)	I	401(k) Plan

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative Securities) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.68	03/01/2017		M		2,000	(3)	02/20/2022	Common Stock	1
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 109.4	03/01/2017		A	77,160		<u>(4)</u>	02/28/2027	Common Stock	7

Reporting Owners

Relationships						
irector	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
X		President and CEO				
i		rector 10% Owner	rector 10% Owner Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Michele G.

Buck 03/03/2017

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 31, 2016.

The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person represents a reduction of .2283 shares allocated to the reporting person's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan ("Plan") as of February 28, 2017. To manage liquidity needs of the Plan, the

(2) Plan trustee from time-to-time maintains a lower overall share balance (versus cash) in the Plan, which in this instance resulted in a reduction in the number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account when compared to the reporting person's Form 4 filed on February 24, 2017. The information is based on a report dated March 1, 2017, provided by the Plan trustee.

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- (3) The options vested according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 21, 2013, 25% vested on February 21, 2014, 25% vested on February 21, 2015 and 25% vested on February 21, 2016.
- Options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the second anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, and the options become fully vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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