

HERSHEY CO
Form 4
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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 Address of Reporting Person *
Buck Michele

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE
(Street)

HERSHEY, PA 17033

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HERSHEY CO [HSY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
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 Derivative Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.68	03/01/2017		M		2,000	(3)	02/20/2022	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 109.4	03/01/2017		A		77,160	(4)	02/28/2027	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buck Michele 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Michele G.

Buck 03/03/2017

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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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