

HERSHEY CO

Form 4

October 31, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)

10/28/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

EVP, Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 10/28/2016                              |                                                             | M                                    | 4,000 A                                                                 | \$ 60.68 159,210                                                                                                   | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 10/28/2016                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 4,000 D                                                                 | \$ 103 155,210                                                                                                     | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 171.5436 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                            | I                                                                    | 401(k)<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code V (A) (D)                       |                                                                                                                 | Date<br>Exercisable<br>Expiration<br>Date                      | Title                                                               |                                        |
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy)     | \$ 60.68                                                           | 10/28/2016                              |                                                             | M                                    | 4,000                                                                                                           | (3) 02/20/2022                                                 | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 4,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                          | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Buck Michele<br>100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE<br>HERSHEY, PA 17033 | EVP, Chief Operating Officer     |

## Signatures

Michele G.  
Buck 10/31/2016

\_\_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.

(2) The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person includes 1.9124 shares acquired from June 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016, pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan ("Plan"). The information is based on a report dated October 3, 2016, provided by the Plan Trustee.

(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.

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