

Buck Michele
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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)
04/24/2012

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)
SVP Chief Growth Officer

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/24/2012		M	10,368 A \$ 51.42	67,569	D	
Common Stock	04/24/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	10,368 D \$ 65	57,201	D	
Common Stock	04/24/2012		M	19,950 A \$ 52.3	77,151	D	
Common Stock	04/24/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	19,950 D \$ 64.89	57,201	D	
Common Stock					157,598 ⁽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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.42	04/24/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	10,368	⁽³⁾	02/21/2021	Common Stock	10,368
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.3	04/24/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	19,950	⁽⁴⁾	02/15/2016	Common Stock	19,950

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buck Michele 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033			SVP Chief Growth Officer	

Signatures

Michele G. 04/26/2012
Buck

**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 exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 3, 2011.
 - (2) The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person includes .9439 shares acquired from March 6, 2012 through March 30, 2012, pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan ("Plan"). The information is based on a report dated April 2, 2012,

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provided by the Plan trustee.

- (3) The options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 22, 2012, 25% will vest on February 22, 2013; 25% will vest on February 22, 2014 and 25% will vest on February 22, 2015.
- (4) The options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 16, 2007, 25% vested on February 16, 2008; 25% vested on February 16, 2009 and 25% vested on February 16, 2010.

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