

Buck Michele
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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)
04/02/2012

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 04/02/2012 | | M | 12,144 A \$ 39.26 | 69,345 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 12,144 D \$ 62 | 57,201 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 156.6541 ⁽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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.26 | 04/02/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 12,144 | ⁽³⁾ 02/22/2020 | Common Stock | 12,144 |

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.
Buck

04/03/2012

**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.
The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person represents a reduction of .2659 shares allocated to the reporting person's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan as of March 5, 2012. To manage liquidity needs of the 401(k) Plan, the Plan trustee from time-to-time maintains a lower overall share balance (versus cash) in the 401(k) 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 23, 2012. The information is based on a report dated March 5, 2012, provided by the Plan trustee.
- (3) The options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 23, 2011, 25% vested on February 23, 2012, 25% will vest on February 23, 2013 and 25% will vest on February 23, 2014.

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