

HERSHEY CO  
Form 8-K  
September 03, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

August 29, 2008  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

The Hershey Company  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-183  
(Commission File Number)

23-0691590  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-4200

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On September 2, 2008, The Hershey Company (“Company”) announced that its Board of Directors (“Board”) increased the size of the Board from nine to ten members and elected David L. Shedlarz a director, effective August 29, 2008. Mr. Shedlarz will serve on the Audit Committee.

Mr. Shedlarz will be compensated for his service on the Board in accordance with the Company’s Directors’ Compensation Plan. There are no transactions that require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K as a result of the election of Mr. Shedlarz to the Board.

A copy of the Company’s press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 3, 2008

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

By: /s/ Burton H. Snyder  
Burton H. Snyder,  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	The Hershey Company Press Release dated September 2, 2008

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