

Alfonso Humberto P
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Alfonso Humberto P

(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)
 05/01/2012

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)
 EVP CFO & Chief Admin 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 | 05/01/2012 | | M | | 18,800 | A | \$ 55.56 |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2012 | | S | | 18,800 | D | \$ 67.03 |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2012 | | M | | 14,800 | A | \$ 54.68 |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2012 | | S | | 14,800 | D | \$ 66.92 |

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) | \$ 55.56 | 05/01/2012 | | M | 18,800 | <u>(1)</u> 07/16/2016 | Common Stock | 18,800 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 54.68 | 05/02/2012 | | M | 14,800 | <u>(2)</u> 04/22/2017 | Common Stock | 14,800 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Alfonso Humberto P 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033 | | | EVP CFO & Chief Admin Officer | |

Signatures

Humberto P.
Alfonso 05/03/2012

**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 options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vested on July 17, 2007, 25% vested July 17, 2008; 25% vested on July 17, 2009 and 25% vested on July 17, 2010.

(2) The options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vested on April 23, 2008, 25% vested April 23, 2009; 25% vested on April 23, 2010 and 25% vested on April 23, 2011.

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