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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

(Last)

Nevels James E

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/11/2007

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HERSHEY CO [HSY]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

X Director

Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Other Person (give title below) (specify below)

10% Owner

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

HERSHEY, PAÂ 17033

(City)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Security

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

Security

4.

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date

Exercisable Date

Amount or Title Number of Shares

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nevels James E

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HERSHEY, PAÂ 17033

Signatures

James E Nevels 11/19/2007

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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