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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wege D Michael | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHEY CO [HSY] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (eneck un applicable) | | | | |
| 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE | | E | (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2017 | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, GS, India, ME, Comm & CSR | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| HERSHEY, PA 17033 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (Stata) | (7in) | | | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secui | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) 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) |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2017 | | Code V $S_{\underline{(1)}}$ | Amount 100 | (D) | Price \$ 104.82 | 26,188 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2017 | | M | 1,000 | A | \$ 35.87 | 27,188 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2017 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,000 | D | \$ 104.82 | 26,188 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 881.9675 <u>(2)</u> | 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. Transactic 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 35.87 | 01/17/2017 | | M | 1,000 | (3) | 02/12/2018 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wege D Michael

100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033 SVP, GS, India, ME, Comm & CSR

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael

Wege 01/19/2017

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 22, 2016.
- The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person includes 4.2828 shares acquired from December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan ("Plan"). The information is based on a report dated January 3, 2017, provided by the Plan Trustee.
- (3) The options vested according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 13, 2009, 25% vested on February 13, 2010, 25% vested on February 13, 2011 and 25% vested on February 13, 2012.

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