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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HERSHEY CO [HSY] TACKA DAVID W (Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) HERSHEY, PAÂ 17033 Form filed by More than One SVP, Chief Financial Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 24,172.7132 Common Stock 6,026.7172 I 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 5. (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/16/2019	Common Stock	8,388	\$ 34.89	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/22/2020	Common Stock	16,253	\$ 39.26	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/21/2021	Common Stock	19,180	\$ 51.42	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/20/2022	Common Stock	18,670	\$ 60.68	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/18/2023	Common Stock	14,040	\$ 81.73	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
TACKA DAVID W 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY Â PA Â 17033	Â	Â	SVP, Chief Financial Officer	Â		

Signatures

David W. Tacka 05/16/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Options are granted with a term of ten years and vest according to the following schedule: 25% vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the second anniversary of the grant date, and the options become fully vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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