

HERSHEY CO  
Form 8-K  
November 16, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

November 14, 2011

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)

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**1-183**  
(Commission

File Number)

**23-0691590**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**100 Crystal A Drive**

**Hershey, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**17033**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(717) 534-4200**

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

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On November 14, 2011, The Hershey Company (the Registrant) closed its previously announced public offering of \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 1.500% Notes due 2016 (the Notes). The Notes were issued under an indenture with U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, dated as of May 14, 2009. The form of Note is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. In connection with the offering, the legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

4.1 Form of Global Note representing the Registrant's 1.500% Notes due November 1, 2016

5.1 Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

23.1 Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 16, 2011

**THE HERSHEY COMPANY**

(Registrant)

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

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