Nevels James E Form 4 January 05, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

 $D^{(1)}$

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

Common

Stock

01/01/2009

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Nevels James E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			HERSHEY CO [HSY]			(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tr	ansaction	•			
			(Month/D	ay/Year)		Director	10%	Owner	
100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE (Street)			01/01/20	009		Officer (give below)	title Other (specify below)		
			4. If Amer	ndment, Da	te Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HERSHEY, PA 17033						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Dat	te 2A. Deen	ned	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution	n Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	

(Instr. 8)

Code V

A

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Owned

Following

Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

5,386.0186

(A)

or

(D)

A

Price

\$0

Amount

861.326

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nevels James E 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033

Signatures

Bonnie Martin, as Attorney-in-Fact for James E.
Nevels
01/05/2009

**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 total amount of securities reported as directly owned in Column 5 includes 36.2908 shares acquired on December 15, 2008, pursuant to the Company?s Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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