

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

This current report on Form 8-K/A updates information provided on a Form 8-K, dated May 18, 2011, in which The Hershey Company (the "Company") reported compensation awarded to John P. Bilbrey in connection with his promotion to interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

In connection with Mr. Bilbrey's promotion, the independent members of the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Compensation and Executive Organization Committee of the Board, approved increases in Mr. Bilbrey's base salary to \$1,060,000 and 2011 annual incentive program ("AIP") target award to 120% of base salary. Mr. Bilbrey also was awarded 71,275 stock options with an exercise price of \$55.48 (the closing price of our Common Stock on May 18, 2011) and 6,520, 21,640 and 18,600 performance stock units ("PSUs") for the performance cycles ending in 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively. Additional information relating to the compensation of the Company's executive officers, including information relating to stock options and PSUs, can be found in the Company's 2011 proxy statement.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 20, 2011

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

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