HERSHEY CO Form 4

February 15, 2008

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Azzara C Daniel

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE

(Street)

HERSHEY, PA 17033

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol HERSHEY CO [HSY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

VP, Global R&D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3.

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

4. Securities

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amour **Underlying Securit** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (Instr. 3) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (D) Date Expiration Title (A) Exercisable Date

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 35.87 02/13/2008 A 27,060 (i) 02/12/2018 Common Stock Option (right to buy)

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or Num of Sh

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Azzara C Daniel

100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE VP, Global R&D

HERSHEY, PA 17033

Signatures

C D Azzara 02/15/2008

**Signature of Person 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).

Options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vest on the first anniversary of the award date, an additional 25% vest on the second anniversary of the award date, an additional 25% vest on the third anniversary of the award date, and the options become fully vested on the fourth anniversary of the award date.

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