HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DESFOR DAVID L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

(Check all applicable)

[HT]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year)

06/13/2008

below) Treasurer and Secretary

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST, 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(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. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4	ecurities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Partnership Units	(1)	06/13/2008		<u>J(2)</u>	17,230	06/13/2008	(3)	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	17,230

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DESFOR DAVID L HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Treasurer and Secretary

Signatures

Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for David L.

Desfor

06/17/2008

**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) Partnership Units in Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership are redeemable for Common Shares of Beneficial Interest in Hersha Hospitality Trust on a one for one basis.
- (2) The Partnership Units were acquired as consideration for the sale of interests in Hersha Conduit Associates, LLC, the owners of the land, hotel and improvements of the JFK Sheraton located in Jamaica, New York, to Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership.
- (3) None.

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