

Binder Charlene H
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Binder Charlene H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HERSHEY CO [HSY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/24/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Chief People Officer

HERSHEY, PA 17033
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/24/2009		M		5,500 ₍₂₎	A	\$ 0 5,500 D

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0	04/24/2009		M	5,500	⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock	5,500 \$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Binder Charlene H 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033	Director 10% Owner Officer SVP, Chief People Officer

Signatures

Charlene H.
Binder 04/28/2009

**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) Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") converted to phantom stock units and deferred under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. The units are payable only in shares of Common Stock at the end of the deferral period.
 - (2) Each deferred phantom stock unit is equivalent to one share of Common Stock of The Hershey Company.
Restricted Stock Units (?RSUs?) granted on April 21, 2008 of which 5,500 RSUs vested on April 24, 2009. The remaining RSUs will vest on March 24, 2010. Once vested, RSUs may be: (1) settled in cash having a value equivalent to the closing price of Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the vesting date, in an equal number of shares of Common Stock, or in a combination of cash and Common Stock; or (2) deferred under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. RSUs deferred as phantom stock units are payable only in shares of Common Stock at the end of the deferral period. The reporting person has elected to defer payment of the RSU award in phantom shares of Common Stock.
 - (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of The Hershey Company or its cash equivalent.
 - (4) See Footnote (3) above.
 - (5) See Footnote (3) above.
 - (6) See Footnote (3) above.

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