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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HERSHEY CO [HSY] Jastrzebski Thaddeus J (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2007 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person HERSHEY, PAÂ 17033 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One SVP, Pres Hershey Int'l Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 4,866 Common Stock 297,458 I 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	08/02/2017	Common Stock	4,700	\$ 45.15	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	09/19/2014	Common Stock	6,500	\$ 48.18	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	02/15/2016	Common Stock	5,800	\$ 52.3	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/22/2017	Common Stock	7,150	\$ 54.68	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	02/14/2015	Common Stock	4,900	\$ 61.7	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	3,262	\$ (3)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting of their removers	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Othe	
Jastrzebski Thaddeus J 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY Â PAÂ 17033	Â	Â	SVP, Pres Hershey Int'l	Â	

Signatures

Reporting Person

Thaddeus J
Jastrzebski

**Signature of Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 grant date, an additional 25% vest on the second anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, and the options become fully vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.
 - The total amount of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") were granted and will vest as follows: (1) 750 RSUs were granted on April 7, 2006 of which 188 units vested on 5/7/2007, 188 units vest on 4/7/2008, 187 units vest on 4/7/2009, and the remaining 187 units vest on 4/7/2010; (2) 1,000 RSUs were granted on January 8, 2007 of which 250 units vest on 2/8/2008, 250 units vest on 1/8/2009, 250 units

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- (2) vest on 1/8/2010, and the remaining 250 units vest on 1/8/2011; (3) 1,200 RSUs were granted on May 4, 2007 of which 300 units vest on 6/4/2008, 300 units vest on 5/4/2009, 300 units vest on 5/4/2010, and the final 300 units vest on 5/4/2011; (4) 500 RSUs were granted on November 2, 2007 of which 125 RSUs vest on 12/2/2008, 125 units vest on 11/2/2009, 125 units vest on 11/2/2010, and the final 125 units vest on 11/2/2011.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of The Hershey Company or its cash equivalent.

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