

HERSHEY FOODS CORP
Form 8-K
November 22, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

November 22, 2004

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Hershey Foods Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

23-0691590

(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

1-183

(Commission File
Number)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-6799

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 22, 2004, Hershey Foods Corporation (the Corporation) entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement to acquire all of the outstanding stock of Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, ("Mauna Loa"), from TSG3 L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Darrell F. Askey, Frank G. Bragg, III, Peter J. Burns, Ramona L. Cappello, Charles H. Esserman, Charles A. Lynch, Michael L. Mauze, Thomas O Rourke, J. Gary Shansby, Yasser Toor and Charles K. H. Young. Mauna Loa operates under the name Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Corporation. The purchase price will be \$112,400,000, plus assumed debt, which is estimated to be \$17,600,000. The acquisition is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2004 and is subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approval. A copy of the Corporation's press release dated November 22, 2004 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

The filing of this current report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed an admission by Hershey Foods Corporation that the transaction described herein is material to the Corporation.

SIGNATURE

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

Date: November 22, 2004

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

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

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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Hershey Foods Corporation Press Release dated November 22, 2004

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