FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PALMER ANTHONY J.   |   |  |               |         |       |                            | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHEY CO [ HSY ] |        |                 |                             |                     |           |                         |          |   | p of Reportin<br>olicable)<br>ctor   | g Person(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner                                |  |   |
|---|---|--|---------------|---------|-------|----------------------------|--|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|---|--|---|--|---|
| (Last) 100 CRY  | ast) (First) (Middle) 00 CRYSTAL A DRIVE                              |  |               |         |       |                            | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2015    |        |                 |                             |                     |           |                         |          |   | er (give title<br>w)   |   | Other (specify below)  |   |
| (Street) HERSHE (City)  | HERSHEY PA 17033  |  |               |         |       |                            | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)       |        |                 |                             |                     |           |                         |          | Forn<br>Forn                              | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |   |
|   |   | Tabl                                       | e I - Nor     | n-Deriv | ative | Sec                        | curitie  | s Ac   | quired          | , Dis                       | posed o             | f, or E   | 3ene                    | ficially | Owne                                      | ed   |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  |               |         |       | Execution Date,            |  |        | Code (Instr. 5) |                             |                     |           |                         |          | Secur<br>Benef                            | icially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |               |         |       | Code                       | v  | Amount | (A)<br>(D)      | or                          | Price               | Trans     | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |          |   | (msu. 4)   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock 09/15/   |   |  |               |         |       |                            | 2015   |        | A               |                             | 275                 | _         | A                       | \$90.85  | 12,                                       | 978.026  | D   |  |   |
|   |   | Та   |               |         |       |                            |  |        |                 |                             | sed of,<br>onvertib |           |                         |          | wned                                      |  |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | ate Execution |         |       | ransaction<br>Code (Instr. |  |        |                 | Exerci:<br>on Dat<br>Day/Ye |                     | Amount of |                         | tr. 3    | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)                              | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |
|   |   |  |               |         | Code  | v                          | (A)  | (D)    | Date<br>Exercis | able                        | Expiration<br>Date  | Title     | or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar | ber      |   |  |   |  |   |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

/s/ Kathleen S. Purcell, Agent for Anthony J. Palmer

09/15/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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