

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BILBREY JOHN P</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE  (Street) HERSHEY PA 17033  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERSHEY CO [ HSY ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2011	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/28/2011		M		24,600	A	\$37.755	96,875	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2011		S <sup>(3)</sup>		24,600	D	\$52.5	72,275	D	
Common Stock								296.192 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$37.755	02/28/2011		M <sup>(3)</sup>			24,600	(4)	02/01/2014	Common Stock	24,600	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person represents a reduction of .099 shares allocated to the reporting person's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan as of February 28, 2011. To manage liquidity needs of the 401(k) Plan, the Plan Trustee from time-to-time maintains a lower overall share balance (versus cash) in the Plan, which in this instance resulted in a reduction in the number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account when compared to the reporting person's Form 4 filed on February 22, 2011. The information is based on a report dated March 1, 2011, provided by the Plan Trustee.
- These options are from an option grant previously reported as 12,300 options at an exercise price of \$75.51. The option grant was adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split on June 15, 2004.
- The exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 23, 2010.
- The options vested according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 2, 2005, 25% vested on February 2, 2006, 25% vested on February 2, 2007 and 25% vested on February 2, 2008.

John P. Bilbrey 03/02/2011  
 \*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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