FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  COUGHLAN GARY P					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHEY CO [ HSY ]									Check al	nship of Repor I applicable) Director	ting P	Person(s) to Is		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2006										Officer (give titl pelow)	е	Other below)	(specify	
(Street) HERSHE			7033 Zip)		4. If	Ame	ndment	, Date o	f Original	l Filed	I (Month/Da	ay/Yea	ar)		ine) X	ual or Joint/Gro Form filed by C Form filed by M Person	ne R	eporting Pers	on
		Tabl	e I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	efici	ally O	wned			
Date					Exe Day/Year) if a		2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			nd So	Amount of ecurities eneficially wned Following eported	Fo (D	Ownership orm: Direct O) or Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
										v	Amount	(	A) or D)	Price	Tr	ansaction(s) astr. 3 and 4)	action(s)		(111501.4)
Common Stock				03/15	15/2006				A		150		A \$54.		.09	11,467.1849		D	
	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)	ive Conversion Date y or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		n Date, ay/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8) So AA (A Di of (Ir ar		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D	r osed ) r. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisat Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amour of Manure Security (Instr. and 4)		ount	8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. !	ive derivative y Securities	lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Gary P. Coughlan

03/15/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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