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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HERSHEY TRUST CO</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>100 MANSION ROAD EAST</u> <u>P.O. BOX 445</u> (Street) <u>HERSHEY PA 17033-0445</u> (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/24/2006</u>	
	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, \$1.00 par value ⁽¹⁾	07/24/2006		J ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		58,828	D	\$55.9166 ⁽²⁾	12,620,012	I	By Milton Hershey School Trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value								389,000	D ⁽³⁾	

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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Class B Common Stock, \$1.00 par value ⁽⁵⁾	\$55.77 ⁽⁶⁾							(5)	(5)	Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	60,612,012		60,612,012	I	By Milton Hershey School Trust ⁽⁴⁾

Explanation of Responses:

- The repurchase of shares reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted in an agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person (the "10b5-1 Plan"). Pursuant to the 10b5-1 Plan, the Issuer has agreed to repurchase from the Reporting Person, on a weekly basis, through July 31, 2006, a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the product of the number of shares of Common Stock repurchased by the Issuer on the open market from shareholders other than the Reporting Person and affiliates of the Company (the "Repurchased Shares") during the preceding calendar week (The "Prior Week Shares") and 0.44.
- Pursuant to the 10b5-1 Plan, the per share price for shares of Common Stock repurchased by the Issuer is equal to the total consideration paid by the Issuer for the Prior Week Shares divided by the number of Repurchased Shares.
- The reporting person is wholly owned by the Milton Hershey School Trust.
- The reporting person is the trustee of Milton Hershey School Trust.
- All shares of Class B common stock, \$1.00 par value, are convertible share-for-share into common stock, \$1.00 par value, at any time, and without payment other than for the fact of conversion. There is no expiration date.
- Conversion price is the current market price (\$55.77 represents the closing price on 07/24/2006).

/s/ Robert C. Vowler, President, 07/25/2006
Hershey Trust Company

** 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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