

O'Day Terence L
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 O'Day Terence L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE
 (Street)

HERSHEY, PA 17033

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HERSHEY CO [HSY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/15/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Global Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	05/15/2012		M		3,808 A \$ 35.23	42,878	D
Common Stock	05/15/2012		S		3,808 D \$ 68.72	39,070	D
Common Stock	05/15/2012		M		38,255 A \$ 34.89	77,325	D
Common Stock	05/15/2012		S		38,255 D \$ 68.7	39,070	D
Common Stock	05/15/2012		M		2,937 A \$ 34.89	42,007	D

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

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.23	05/15/2012		M	3,808	<u>(1)</u> 12/01/2018	Common Stock	3,808
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.89	05/15/2012		M	38,255	<u>(2)</u> 02/16/2019	Common Stock	38,255
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.89	05/15/2012		M	2,937	<u>(2)</u> 02/16/2019	Common Stock	2,937

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O'Day Terence L 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033			SVP, Global Operations	

Signatures

Terence L. O'Day 05/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vested on December 2, 2009, 25% vested on December 2, 2010, 25% vested on December 2, 2011 and 25% will vest on December 2, 2012.
- (2) The options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vested on February 17, 2010, 25% vested on February 17, 2011, 25% vested on February 17, 2012 and 25% will vest on February 17, 2013.

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