

TACKA DAVID W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
TACKA DAVID W

(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)  
07/23/2009

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)  
VP CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					5,504.16 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	07/23/2009		M		\$ 13,600	A	\$ 29.25
Common Stock	07/23/2009		S <sup>(5)</sup>		\$ 13,600	D	\$ 40.65
					19,372.788	D <sup>(6)</sup>	

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 29.25	07/23/2009		M <sup>(3)</sup>	13,600	<sup>(4)</sup> 01/09/2011	Common Stock	13,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TACKA DAVID W 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033			VP CAO	

## Signatures

David W. Tacka                      07/24/2009  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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 total amount of securities reported as indirectly owned by the reporting person includes 33,206 shares acquired from April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan (?Plan?). The information is based on a report dated June 30, 2009, provided by the Plan Trustee.
- (2) These options are from an option grant previously reported as 6,800 options at an exercise price of \$58.50. The option grant was adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split on June 15, 2004.
- (3) 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 February 9, 2009.
- (4) The options vested according to the following schedule: 25% vested on January 10, 2002; 25% vested on January 10, 2003; 25% vested on January 10, 2004; and the final 25% vested on January 10, 2005.
- (5) See Footnote (3) above.
- (6)

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The total amount of securities reported as directly owned by the reporting person includes the acquisition of 58.9642 shares on June 15, 2009 pursuant to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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