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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ridge Thomas J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			HERSHEY CO [HSY]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
100 CRYSTAL	A DRIVE		04/01/2017	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
HERSHEY, PA 17033			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	curitie	s Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie r(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 a	osed of		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)
Common	04/01/2017		A	343.249	A	\$0	33,500.332	D (1)	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title and Amount of		
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/Teat)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/ re		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amo or Num of	nber	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting Owner France / Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ridge Thomas J 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE	X						
HERSHEY, PA 17033							

Signatures

/s/ Kathleen S. Purcell, Agent for Thomas J. 04/03/2017 Ridge

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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).

The total amount of securities reported as directly owned in Column 5 includes 177.256 shares acquired on March 15, 2017, pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Company's Directors' Compensation Plan, the provisions of which are substantially similar to the dividend reinvestment features of the broad-based dividend reinvestment plan available generally to Company stockholders.

Date

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