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Stock

1(b).

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

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-	De	erivative Sec	uritie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tioi	4. Securities n(A) or Dispo (Instr. 3, 4 a	(A) or (D)	f (D)	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)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
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HERSHEY, PA 17033							

Signatures

/s/ Kathleen S. Purcell, Agent for Thomas J. Ridge 10/02/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Explanation of Responses:

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Date

The total amount of securities reported as directly owned in Column 5 includes 188.082 shares acquired on September 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.

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