

Washington, D.C. 20549

## CURRENT REPORT

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

23-0691590  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-4200

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 2, 2010, The Hershey Company (“the Company”) announced sales and earnings for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2009.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report, including applicable portions of the Exhibit, shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events

Also on February 2, 2010, the Company announced that on February 1, 2010 its Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend on the Company’s Common Stock and Class B Common Stock and increased the quarterly dividend.

A copy of the Company’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d)Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated February 2, 2010

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 2, 2010

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

By: /s/ Humberto P. Alfonso  
Humberto P. Alfonso  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	The Hershey Company Press Release dated February 2, 2010