

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On February 25, 2008, The Hershey Company (“Company”) announced that, on February 22, 2008, Edward J. Kelly, III notified our Board of Directors that, due to increased demands related to the recent change in his professional occupation, with regret he has elected to resign as a director of the Company, effective immediately.

SIGNATURE

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

Date: February 25, 2008

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

By: /s/ Burton H. Snyder
Burton H. Snyder,
Senior Vice President
General Counsel and Secretary

