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CURRENT REPORT

October 22, 2009

The Hershey Company

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

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 22, 2009, The Hershey Company (“the Company”) announced sales and earnings for the third quarter of 2009. A copy of the Company’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report, including 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 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 22, 2009

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: October 22, 2009

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

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