

HERSHEY CO
Form 8-K
May 04, 2018

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington,
D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

May 3, 2018

Date of Report

(Date of
earliest event
reported)

The Hershey Company
(Exact name of registrant
as specified in its
charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-183 23-0691590
(Commission File Number) (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

Not Applicable
(Former name or
former address,
if changed since
last report.)

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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On May 3, 2018, The Hershey Company (the “Registrant”) entered into a Pricing Agreement (the “Pricing Agreement”) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and RBC Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters listed in Schedule I to the Pricing Agreement (the “Underwriters”), pursuant to which the Registrant has agreed to sell to the Underwriters, and the Underwriters have agreed to purchase from the Registrant, \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2.900% Notes due May 15, 2020 (the “2020 Notes”), \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.100% Notes due May 15, 2021 (the “2021 Notes”) and \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.375% Notes due May 15, 2023 (together with the 2020 Notes and the 2021 Notes, the “Notes”). The Pricing Agreement incorporates by reference the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, dated May 3, 2018 (the “Underwriting Agreement”), between the Registrant and, as to the issuance and sale of the Notes, the Underwriters. The Registrant is offering and selling the Notes under the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-205269), which Registration Statement relates to the offer and sale on a delayed basis from time to time of an indeterminate amount of the Registrant’s debt securities. The Registrant intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to repay a portion of the commercial paper it issued to fund the acquisition of Amplify Snack Brands, Inc. and pay related fees and expenses, and for general corporate purposes.

The foregoing descriptions of the Pricing Agreement and the Underwriting Agreement are qualified by reference to the respective agreements, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and 1.2, respectively, and incorporated by reference herein. Further information concerning the Notes and related matters is set forth in the Registrant’s Prospectus Supplement dated May 3, 2018, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2018.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, the Underwriters and their affiliates may have engaged, and may in the future engage, in commercial banking and/or investment banking transactions with the Registrant and its affiliates for which they have in the past received, and may in the future receive, customary fees. Affiliates of certain of the Underwriters are lenders under the Registrant’s existing credit agreements.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 3, 2018, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the offering of the Notes in a public offering. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by this reference.

On May 3, 2018, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the pricing of the Notes in a public offering. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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<u>1.2</u>	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated May 3, 2018, between the Registrant and, as to the issuance and sale of the Notes, the Underwriters</u>
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press Release dated May 3, 2018 announcing a notes offering</u>
<u>99.2</u>	<u>Press Release dated May 3, 2018 announcing the pricing of notes due 2020, notes due 2021 and notes due 2023</u>

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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

Date: May 4, 2018 By: /s/ Patricia A. Little
Patricia A. Little
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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