Hutchison Thomas J III Form 4 June 03, 2009

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hutchison Thomas J III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

06/01/2009

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

(Check all applicable)

[HT]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST, 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Class A

Common Shares of

06/01/2009

A 3,400 \$0 145,297 Α

(A)

D

Beneficial Interest (1)

Class A

Common Shares of

Beneficial Interest (2) $7,000^{(3)}$

Ι By spouse

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title and		8. Price of	٩
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or						J
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date			Number		
						Exercisable					
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hutchison Thomas J III HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

X

Signatures

Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Thomas J. Hutchison III

06/01/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Hersha Hospitality Trust awarded Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest to each of its executive officers and members of its Board of Trustees on June 1, 2009 pursuant to its 2008 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3) The Reporting Person previously reported the purchase of these securities by the Reporting Person's spouse on a Form 4 filed December 16, 2008.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Reporting Owners 2

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