HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

Form 4 June 04, 2008

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Middle)

(Zip)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Shah Neil H

Symbol HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

(Check all applicable)

President and COO

[HT]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year) 06/02/2008

below)

Other (specify

510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 3. 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned (Instr. 8) (D) or Ownership Following (Instr. 4) Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Price Code V Amount

Class A Common

Beneficial Interest (1)

(City)

Shares of 06/02/2008

234,373 Α 102,040 Α \$0

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

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Shah Neil H 510 WALNUT STREET 9TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

President and COO

Signatures

Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Neil H. Shah

06/04/2008

**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).

Effective June 1, 2008, Hersha Hospitality Trust awarded restricted Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest to its executive (1) officers pursuant to its 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty-five percent of the restricted share award will vest on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

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