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Family

Trust (2)

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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 Exercisable and		7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9	
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				Code V	(A) (D)		*	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shah Neil H 44 HERSHA DRIVE HARRISBURG, PA 17102

President and COO

Signatures

/s/ Ashish R. Parikh, as attorney-in-fact

12/21/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions ranging from \$16.67 to \$16.98, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Hersha Hospitality Trust, any security holder of Hersha Hospitality
- Trust, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, as 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 any other purpose.

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