

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

May 9, 2023

Neil H. Shah President and Chief Executive Officer HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST 44 Hersha Drive Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102

> Re: HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed May 3, 2023 File No. 333-271590

Dear Neil H. Shah:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Catherine De Lorenzo at 202-551-4079 or Ruairi Regan at 202-551-3269 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Real Estate & Construction

cc: James V. Davidson, Esq.