# 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 9, 2015 (March 7, 2015)

# Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 814-00702 (Commission File No.) 74-3113410 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

400 Hamilton Ave., Suite 310
Palo Alto, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

94301 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 289-3060

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

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## Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 7, 2015, the Board of Directors of Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (the "Company") elected Ms. Susanne D. Lyons as a director of the Company. In connection with her election, the Board of Directors increased the size of the Board of Directors to five directors. There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Lyons and any other persons pursuant to which Ms. Lyons was elected as a director of the Company. Ms. Lyons will be entitled to applicable retainer and meeting fees and an option award pursuant to the Company's director compensation arrangements, under terms consistent with those previously disclosed by the Company. Ms. Lyons also will be entitled to enter into an indemnification agreement with the Company.

Ms. Lyons joined the Company as a director in March 2015 and will hold office as a class I director for a term expiring in 2017. She will serve on the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees.

Ms. Lyons is a retired senior executive who has held top marketing and general management roles at some of the largest financial services companies in America, including VISA (USA), Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. and Fidelity Investments. She retired in September 2007 as the chief marketing officer for Visa (USA), where she was responsible for all aspects of brand, advertising and marketing services since June 2004.

In her ten year career at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. from April 1992 to May 2001, she held various marketing and general management positions, including enterprise president of retail client services. She also served as chief marketing officer from January 2000 to May 2001. Previously, Ms. Lyons spent ten years at Fidelity Investments from June 1982 to April 1992, where she held senior positions in marketing, product development and business strategy.

Ms. Lyons currently serves on the board of directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee, a position she has held since December 2010. She has been president of the board of directors of Wildcare, a not-for-profit organization, since September 2008. She previously served on the board of directors of CNET Networks, Inc. from April 2007 to July 2008, until its acquisition by CBS Corp., as well as Gain Capital Holdings, Inc. from December 2008 to June 2013. Ms. Lyons also served on the advisory board of Marketo, Inc., a marketing automation software company, from February 2008 to January 2011.

Ms. Lyons received her undergraduate degree from Vassar College and received her masters in business administration from Boston University.

## **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 9, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Lyons as a member of the Company's Board of Directors. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

## **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated March 9, 2015

# SIGNATURES

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.

HERCULES TECHNOLOGY GROWTH CAPITAL, INC.

March 9, 2015

By: /s/ Jessica Baron

Jessica Baron Chief Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 9, 2015



# Hercules Adds Susanne D. Lyons to Its Board of Directors

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 9, 2015 - Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC), the leading specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related industries, including technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy & renewable technology, at all stages of development, today announced that effective March 7, 2015, Susanne D. Lyons, former chief marketing officer of Visa USA, was appointed to the Hercules board of directors.

Lyons will serve on the Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance committees.

Lyons is a retired senior executive who has held top marketing and general management roles at some of the largest financial services companies in America, including Visa Inc., Charles Schwab & Co., and Fidelity Investments. From 2004 to 2007, Lyons served as chief marketing officer and executive vice president of Visa, responsible for all aspects of brand, advertising, marketing services and sponsorship marketing. She was responsible for launching the "Life Takes Visa" campaign in 2006. Before joining Visa, Lyons served as chief marketing officer and executive vice president at Charles Schwab and Co., Inc. and held various marketing and general management positions, including enterprise president of retail client services, from April 1992 to May 2001. Lyons spent ten years at Fidelity Investments from 1982 to 1992, where she held senior positions in marketing, product development and business strategy.

Ms. Lyons currently serves on the board of directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee, a position she has held since December 2010. She has been president of the board of directors of Wildcare, a not-for-profit organization, since 2008. She previously served on the board of directors of CNET Networks, Inc. from 2007 to 2008, until its acquisition by CBS Corp., as well as Gain Capital Holdings, Inc. from 2008 to 2013. Ms. Lyons also served on the advisory board of Marketo, Inc., a marketing automation software company, prior to its IPO.

Ms. Lyons received her undergraduate degree from Vassar College and received her masters in business administration from Boston University.

## About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.

Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC) ("Hercules") is the leading specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related industries, including technology, biotechnology, life science, and energy & renewable technology, at all stages of development. Since inception (December 2003), Hercules has committed more than \$4.9 billion to over 310 companies and is the lender of choice for entrepreneurs and venture capital firms seeking growth capital financing. Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact info@htgc.com, or call 650.289.3060.

Hercules' common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the ticker symbol "HTGC."

In addition, Hercules has three outstanding bond issuances of 7.00% Notes due April 2019, 7.00% Notes due September 2019, and 6.25% Notes due July 2024, which trade on the NYSE under the symbols "HTGZ," "HTGY," and "HTGX," respectively.

# Forward-Looking Statements:

The information disclosed in this release is made as of the date hereof and reflects Hercules most current assessment of its historical financial performance. Actual financial results filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission may differ from those contained herein due to timing delays between the date of this release and confirmation of final audit results. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements including, without limitation, the risks, uncertainties, including the uncertainties surrounding the current market volatility, and other factors we identify from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate and, as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be incorrect. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof, and Hercules assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements for subsequent events.

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