# 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): August 27, 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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 27, 2016, Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that S&P reaffirmed its investment grade corporate rating of BBB-. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

On August 27, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing an extension of its \$50 million open market share repurchase program. 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 August 27, 2015.
- 99.2 Press Release dated August 27, 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.

August 27, 2015

HERCULES TECHNOLOGY GROWTH CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Mark R. Harris Mark R. Harris Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibits
99.1	Press Release dated August 27, 2015
99.2	Press Release dated August 27, 2015



# Hercules Receives Investment Grade Corporate Rating From Standard & Poor's

### • S&P Cites Hercules' Concentration in Senior Secured First-lien Investments and Track Record of Low Net Loan Losses

PALO ALTO, Calif., August 27, 2015 - <u>Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.</u> (NYSE: HTGC) ("Hercules" or the "Company"), the leading specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to high-growth venture capital-backed companies in technology-related industries, including technology, biotechnology, life sciences, and energy & renewable technology, today announced that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") has reaffirmed Hercules' investment grade corporate rating of BBB-. S&P issued a statement announcing the reaffirmation of the rating and stable outlook, as well as its underlying analysis.

"We are very proud of our investment grade corporate credit rating from Standard & Poor's," stated Manuel A. Henriquez, chairman and chief executive officer of Hercules. "The investment grade rating underscores our commitment and discipline instilled in our underwriting strategy, as well as the depth and experience of our management and underwriting teams."

The BBB- rating reflects the Company's low financial leverage, concentration in first-lien senior secured debt investments, diversified funding profile, and track record of low net loan losses since inception. S&P also noted that Hercules funds its business with stable and relatively diverse funding sources and has a long track record of demonstrating its ability to create liquidity from its investments due to monthly amortizing loans.

#### 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 high-growth venture capital-backed companies in technology-related industries, including technology, biotechnology, life sciences, and energy & renewable technology. Since inception (December 2003), Hercules has committed more than \$5.5 billion to over 325 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 <u>info@htgc.com</u>, or call 650.289.3060.

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

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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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# Hercules Extends \$50 Million Share Repurchase Program

#### • Hercules Purchased Approximately \$1 Million of its Common Stock During Previous Program Period

• The \$50 Million Repurchase Program Effective until February 23, 2016

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Under the program authorized by its Board of Directors, Hercules may repurchase shares of its common stock in the open market, including block purchases, at prices that may be above or below the net asset value as reported in its then most recently published financial statements. Hercules anticipates that the manner, timing, and amount of any share purchases will be determined by Hercules management based upon the evaluation of market conditions, stock price, and additional factors in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Hercules expects that the share repurchase program will be in effect until February 23, 2016, or until the approved dollar amount has been used to repurchase shares. Pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, Hercules is required to notify shareholders when such a program is initiated or implemented. The repurchase program does not require Hercules to acquire any specific number of shares and may be extended, modified, or discontinued at any time.

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