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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 31, 2018**

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**Hercules Capital, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter)

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On July 31, 2017, Hercules Capital, Inc., (the “Company”) through a special purpose wholly-owned subsidiary, Hercules Funding II LLC (“Hercules Funding II”), entered into the Fifth Amendment (the “Wells Facility Amendment”) to the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of June 29, 2015 (as amended from time to time, the “Wells Facility”) with Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC (f/k/a Wells Fargo Foothill, LLC), as the arranger and the administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto from time to time

The Wells Facility Amendment amends certain provisions of the Wells Facility to, among other things, (i) extend the maturity date and (ii) fully repay the pro-rata portion of outstanding balances of Alostair Bank of Commerce and Everbank Commercial Finance Inc., thereby resigning both as lenders and terminating their commitments thereunder.

The description above is only a summary of the material provisions of the Wells Facility Amendment and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Wells Facility Amendment, which will be filed with the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending September 30, 2018.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant**

The information set forth in Item 1.01 of this Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

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**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 6, 2018

HERCULES CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie Grace

Melanie Grace  
General Counsel