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Hercules Capital, Inc. (Ticker: HTGC), with ratings* of Baa3 (Stable) by Moody's and BBB+ (Stable) by Kroll, has asked Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and SMBC Nikko to organize a series of fixed income investor telephonic calls. These calls will take place on Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 9th. Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC will be coordinating logistics and a NetRoadshow will be made available. A capital markets transaction may follow, subject to market conditions.

Hercules Capital, Inc. will be represented by:

- Scott Bluestein: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, President and Director
- · Seth Meyer: Chief Financial Officer
- Melanie Grace: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary
- Steven Zagoren: Treasurer

Call Schedule:

Wednesday, September 8th

9:00am-9:45am ET 10:00am-10:45am ET 11:00am-11:45am ET 12:00pm-12:45pm ET 1:00pm-1:45pm ET

Thursday, September 9th

9:00am-9:45am ET 10:00am-10:45am ET 11:00am-11:45am ET 12:00pm-12:45pm ET 1:00pm-1:45pm ET

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