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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Print or Ty	pe Response	s)													
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Grace Melanie					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2018						X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) General Counsel & CCO				
(Street) PALO ALTO, CA 94301					4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)					Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu						uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
(Instr. 3) Date			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	Year) Exe	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		(A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)			Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
				(Me		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		oi (I		\ /	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Restricted Stock Units 0			08/20/2018	3		A		871	A	\$ 13.44	4 38,647 ⁽¹⁾			D	
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	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction	Table n 3A. Dee Execution Year)	e II - Deri (e.g., emed on Date, if	y puts, calls, wa 4. Transaction Code	ies Acquire arrants, op 5.	Pers cont the f ed, Di tions 6. D	ons whe	o responthis for plays a of, or Bertible secutions and the plays a control of the plays and the plays are the plays and the plays are the play	rm ar curre neficia irities) 7. 7 Am Une	e not requently valid	OMB conf	spond unlestrol number	of 10. Ownersh Form of	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficia Ownershi
	Derivative Security					Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Ins 4)	str. 3 and		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Security: Direct (I or Indire (S) (I) (Instr. 4)	O) ct	
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exer		Expiratio Date	n Titl	Amount or Number of Shares				
Repor	ting O	wners													
					R	Relationshi	ps								
Reporting Owner Name / Address					10%										

10%

Owner

Officer

General Counsel & CCO

Other

Director

Signatures

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

Grace Melanie

/s/ /Melanie Grace	08/21/2018				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date				

C/O HERCULES CAPITAL INC.

400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Includes additional Dividend Shares relating to deemed reinvested dividend equivalent rights that accrued on Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) previously granted. Such
- (1) additional Dividend Shares are in the form of additional RSUs vest and are settled at the same time as the RSUs in respect of which the dividend equivalent rights accrued. Each such additional Dividend Share RSU is the economic equivalent of one share of Hercules Capital, Inc. common stock.

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