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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)														
Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bluestein Scott				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC., 31 ST. JAMES AVENUE, SUITE 790				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2020						X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chief Executive Officer						
BOSTON, MA 02116				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						ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	Code (Instr. 8)		(.	4. Securities Acquir (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	Beneficia Reported	ant of Securities ially Owned Following d Transaction(s)		Ownership Form:	Beneficial	
				(Month/l	Day/Year)	Cod	le	V A	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Instr. 3 and 4) Dire or In (1) (Inst		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	Execution Da (Year) any	4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		An Un Sec	Fitle and nount of derlying curities str. 3 and	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Owners Form o Derivat Security Direct ( or Indir	Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4) D) ect	
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Repor	ting O	wners														

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Bluestein Scott C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC. 31 ST. JAMES AVENUE, SUITE 790 BOSTON, MA 02116			Chief Executive Officer				

# **Signatures**

/s//Melanie Grace, Attorney-in-Fact for Scott Bluestein	03/11/2020
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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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