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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)		1											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BADAVAS ROBERT P				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2021					Office	er (give title belo	ow)	Other (specify	below)		
(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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date any		(Instr. 8)				of (D)	Beneficia Reported	nt of Securities ally Owned Following Transaction(s)		Ownership Form:	Beneficial
				(Month/Day/Y	ear)	Code	V	Amoui	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 a	nd 4)		\ /	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	Stock		03/01/2021			M		5,000	Ι Δ	\$ 10.6	127,452			D	
				Derivative Secu			the ed, D	form di	splays a of, or Ben	curre eficial	ntly valid	OMB con	spond unle trol numbe		
Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea	3A. Deemed Execution Date,	4. Transacti Code	5 ion 1 ion 1 ion 2 ion	5.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Ta	itle and ount of derlying urities tr. 3 and	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 ive Ownersh y: (Instr. 4) D) ect	
				Code	V	(A) (D)		e rcisable	Expiration Date	n Title	or Number of Shares				
Repor	ting O	wners													

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BADAVAS ROBERT P C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC. 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310 PALO ALTO, CA 94301	X					

Signatures

/s/ /Melanie Grace, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert Badavas	03/03/2021
**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).

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