FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses) 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) | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|-------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2021 | | | | | | | Director10% Owner 10% Owner Other (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 PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | | | if Co (In | (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | | Ownership of Form: | Beneficial | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | V | Amou | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 a | nd 4) | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Restricted Stock Units 07/31/20 | | 07/31/2021 | | | D | | 1,390 (1) | D | \$ 17.27 | 20,613 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 07/31/2021 | | | A | | 1,390 (2) | A | \$ 17.27 | 66,594 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 07/31/2021 | | | F | | 531 | D | \$ 17.27 | 66,063 | | | D | |
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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | | 4. | 5. | nts, op | | , conver ate Exer | | | itle and | 8. Price of | 9. Number | of 10. | 11. Nature |
| | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | ersion Date ercise (Month/Day/Y of ative | //Year) any | te, if Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Am Und Sec | ount of derlying urities tr. 3 and | | e Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (I or Indire | hip of Indirect f Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | cisable | Expirati Date | on Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Grace Melanie C/O HERCULES CAPITAL INC. 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310 PALO ALTO, CA 94301 | | | General Counsel & CCO | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ /Melanie Grace | 08/03/2021 | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|--|--|
| **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).
- (1) Represents vested restricted stock units and dividend equivalent shares converted to Hercules Capital, Inc. common stock on July 31, 2021.
- (2) Represents Hercules, Inc. common stock received from vested restricted stock units and dividend equivalent shares on July 31, 2021.
- (3) Represents Hercules, Inc. common stock withheld to pay taxes applicable to the vesting of restricted stock units and dividend equivalent shares on July 31, 2021

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