FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 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) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC., 31 ST. JAMES AVENUE, SUITE 790 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2021 | | | | | | | | | | er (give title bel | | Other (specify b | pelow) |
| (Street) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2021 | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| BOSTON, MA 02116 (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, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | f Code (Instr. 8) | | ction | (A) or | A. Securities Acquire A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | Following (s) | Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | | |
| | | | | | | ode | V | Amour | (A) or (D) | Price | (mstr. 3 and 4) | | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | | | 08/18/2021 | | | | A | | 4,144 (1) | A | \$ 16.98 | 184,562 ⁽²⁾ | | | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | | 08/18/2021 | | | | D | | 939 (3 | D B | \$ 16.98 | 183,623 (4) | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 08/18/2021 | | | | A | | 939 | <u>a</u> A | \$ 16.98 | 925,428 (5) | | | D | | |
| Common Stock 08/18/2021 | | | 08/18/2021 | | | | F | | 417 | D | \$ 16.98 | 925,011 ⁽⁶⁾ | | | D | | |
| Reminder: | Report on a s | separate line fo | or each class of secur Table II - I | Deriva | ntive Se | curit | ies Ac | equire | Pers cont the f | ons whatined if | no respo n this fo splays a | rm are currer reficiall | not requ itly valid | OMB conf | ormation spond unlead trol number | ss | 1474 (9-02) |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | Execution Da Year) any | te, if 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) | | | Amo Unde Secu | tle and ount of erlying rities r. 3 and | t of Cring Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct (1) or Indire | Ownersh (Instr. 4) (D) | |
| | | | | (| | | (A) | | Date Exer | e rcisable | Expiratio Date | n Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | 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 | | | | | | |

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) Originally reported as 3,017.
- (2) Originally reported as 181,110.
- (3) Originally reported as 1,127.
- (4) Originally reported as 179,983.
- (5) Originally reported as 925,616.
- (6) Originally reported as 925,199.

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