## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

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|                            |                 |                     | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |                                 |                          |  |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|                            |                 |                     |                                                                              | А                                                                          | Director                        | 10% Owner                |  |  |
| ( ) (T )                   |                 | <b>A.F.</b> 1.11. \ |                                                                              |                                                                            | Officer (give title<br>below)   | Other (specify<br>below) |  |  |
| (Last)                     |                 |                     | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                             |                                                                            | Delow)                          | Delow)                   |  |  |
| C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC. |                 |                     | 05/08/2025                                                                   |                                                                            |                                 |                          |  |  |
| 1 NORTH B STRE             | EET, SUITE 2000 |                     |                                                                              |                                                                            |                                 |                          |  |  |
| (Ohra at)                  |                 |                     | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                     | 6. Individ                                                                 | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Che | ck Applicable Line)      |  |  |
| (Street)                   | <u>.</u>        | 0.4.401             |                                                                              | X                                                                          | Form filed by One Reporting     | Person                   |  |  |
| SAN MATEO                  | CA              | 94401               |                                                                              |                                                                            | Form filed by More than One     | e Reporting Person       |  |  |
| (City)                     | (State)         | (Zip)               |                                                                              |                                                                            |                                 |                          |  |  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or   Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5   6) 8) |   |                      |               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |                            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                 |                                            |                                                             | Code                                                                                      | v | Amount               | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                                                                  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                |                                                     | (Instr. 4)                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/08/2025                                 |                                                             | Р                                                                                         |   | 5,999(1)             | Α             | \$17.49 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                 | 13,149                                                            | D                                                   |                            |
| Common Stock                    | 05/08/2025                                 |                                                             | D                                                                                         |   | 5,645(3)             | D             | \$0.00                                                                 | 7,504                                                             | D                                                   |                            |
| Common Stock                    | 05/08/2025                                 |                                                             | A                                                                                         |   | 5,645 <sup>(3)</sup> | Α             | <b>\$0.00</b>                                                          | 25,054 <sup>(4)</sup>                                             | Ι                                                   | By<br>Trust <sup>(5)</sup> |

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | Derivative |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |                                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  |                                                                       |                                            |                                                             | Code                              | v | (A)        | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                                                      | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |                                                     |                                                                            |                                                      |                                                                    |

Explanation of Responses:

5. Held by the Loo Revocable Trust

1. Shares purchased based on reporting person's election to receive stock in lieu of cash compensation fee otherwise due to reporting person as a director of the Issuer.

2. Average purchase price. Shares sold at prices between \$17.38 and \$17.58.

3. Shares previously reported as directly owned are now being reported as indirectly owned.

4. Includes 40, 38 and 34 dividend reinvestment shares acquired on August 20, 2024, November 20, 2024 and March 5, 2025, respectively.

Remarks:

/s /Eileen Bagarella, Attorney-in-05/09/2025

Fact for Wade Loo

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\ast}$  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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