

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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* Hoffman Joseph F		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/07/2016			
(Street) PALO ALTO, CA 94301		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/07/2016		A		5,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 12.47	12,855	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (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)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.47	07/07/2016		A		15,000 <u>(2)</u>		07/07/2017 ⁽³⁾	07/07/2026	Common	15,000	\$ 12.47	25,000	D	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/Melanie Grace, Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph F. Hoffman		07/11/2016
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) Restricted shares issued as an automatic grant upon re-election to the board of directors pursuant to the Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Plan and are subject to forfeiture restrictions of one-third vests on 07/07/2017, one-third vests on 07/07/2018 and the remaining one-third vests on 07/07/2019.

(2) Stock option granted as an automatic grant upon re-election to the board of directors pursuant to the Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Plan.

(3) Stock option vests as to one-third of the underlying shares on 07/07/2017, one-third on 07/07/2018 and the remaining one-third vests on 07/07/2019.

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