#### HERCULES INC

Form 4

November 17, 2008

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* WYATT JOE B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

HERCULES INC [HPC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X\_ Director

10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

1313 N. MARKET ST.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

11/13/2008

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

below)

### WILMINGTON, DE 19894

(City)

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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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(msu. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/13/2008		D	18,986	D	<u>(1)</u>	24,056	D	
Common Stock (RSUs)	11/13/2008		D	24,056	D	\$ 20.55	0	D	

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

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$ 

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)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	orities uired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. D S (I
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 8.52	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/05/2002	11/05/2011	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Options	\$ 9.49	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/05/2003	11/05/2012	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Options	\$ 10.09	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/04/2004	11/04/2013	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Options	\$ 14.25	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/14/2005	11/12/2014	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Options	\$ 10.82	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/07/2006	11/07/2015	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Options	\$ 17.81	11/13/2008		D		3,000	10/26/2007	10/26/2016	Common Stock	3,000	
Stock Options	\$ 19.45	11/13/2008		D		3,000	10/29/2008	10/20/2017	Common Stock	3,000	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>FB</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
WYATT JOE B							
1313 N. MARKET ST.	X						
WILMINGTON, DE 19894							

# **Signatures**

/s/ Israel J. Floyd, Acting as Attorney in Fact for Joe B. Wyatt	11/17/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- \* 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).
- Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 10, 2008, among Ashland Inc. ("Ashland"), Ashland Sub
  One, Inc. and Hercules Incorporated ("Hercules") in exchange for \$18.60 in cash per share of Hercules common stock, 0.0930 of a share of Ashland common stock, having a market value of \$1.6647 per share on the effective date of the merger, per share of Hercules common stock and cash in lieu of fractional shares of Ashland common stock.

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