Grace Melanie Form 4 January 12, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Grace Melanie

(Zip)

(Middle)

(First)

C/O HERCULES CAPITAL INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE **SUITE 310**

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

General Counsel & Dong; CCO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

		Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Deficiciany Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities			ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	str. 8)			Owned	(D) or	Ownership	
		•					Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)		
					(A)		Transaction(s)			
			C 1 W		or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
~			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price				
Common	01/09/2018		A	12,845	Α	\$	27,206	D		
Stock	01/0//2010		А	(1)	А	13.04	27,200	D		
Restricted	01/09/2018		A	12,845	Α	\$	35,947	D		
Stock Units	01/0//2010		11	(2) (3)	<i>1</i> 1	13.04	33,771	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securitie	es	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
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						Date	Expiration Date	or Title Number of			
						Exercisable					
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

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 & Dong; CCO

Signatures

/s/Melanie 01/12/2018 Grace

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Restricted stock issued as a grant pursuant to the Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan and subject to forfeiture restrictions of one-third vesting on January 9, 2019 followed by quarterly vesting over the following 24 months.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hercules Capital, Inc. stock.
- The restricted stock units vest one-third on January 09, 2019 and the remaining two-thirds vest quarterly in equal amounts over the following two years. Vested shares will be delivered to reporting person as soon as reasonably practicable on the earlier of (a) January 09, 2022 and (b) the date (i) reporting person separates from service from Issuer, (ii) dies or becomes disabled or (iii) there is a change in control of the Issuer.

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