

HERCULES TECHNOLOGY GROWTH CAPITAL INC

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Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. Prices Public Offering of Common Stock

Palo Alto, Calif., March 8, 2013 Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC) (Hercules) announced that it has priced its public offering of 7,000,000 shares of its common stock. Hercules has also granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,050,000 additional shares of common stock. The offering is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to close on March 13, 2013. The last reported sales price of Hercules common stock on March 7, 2013 was \$12.52 per share. Citigroup and Wells Fargo Securities are acting as joint book-running managers in this offering. Aegis Capital Corp, BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, Maxim Group LLC and National Securities Corporation are acting as co-managers in this offering.

Hercules expects to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund investments in debt and equity securities in accordance with its investment objective and for other general corporate purposes.

The securities described above are being offered by Hercules pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement. The offering may be made only by means of a prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, copies of which may be obtained from Citigroup, c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717 (tel: (800) 831-9146); Wells Fargo Securities, 375 Park Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10152, Attn: Equity Syndicate or by e-mailing cmclientsupport@wellsfargo.com.

Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of Hercules before investing. The prospectus, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, contains this and other information about Hercules and should be read carefully before investing.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of, the shares in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.:

Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC) (Hercules) is the leading specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured loans to venture capital-backed companies in technology-related markets, including technology,

biotechnology, life science and cleantech industries at all stages of development. Since inception (December 2003), Hercules has committed more than \$3.4 billion to over 220 companies and is the lender of choice for entrepreneurs and venture capital firms seeking growth capital financing.

Hercules' common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the ticker symbol HTGC.

In addition, Hercules has two outstanding bond issuances of 7.00% Senior Notes due 2019: the April 2019 Notes and September 2019 Notes, which trade on the NYSE under the symbols HTGZ and HTGY, respectively.

Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact info@htgc.com, or call 650.289.3060.

Forward-Looking Statements:

The statements contained in this release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements including, without limitation, the risks, uncertainties, including the uncertainties surrounding the current market turbulence, and other factors we identify from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate and, as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be incorrect. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof, and Hercules assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements for subsequent events.

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