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Hercules Capital Announces Date of 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

SAN MATEO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Hercules Capital, Inc.](#) (NYSE: HTGC) ("Hercules," "Hercules Capital," or the "Company"), will conduct its 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders by virtual meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time). The proxy statement for the meeting was filed on April 23, 2026 and mailed to stockholders of record as of April 9, 2026.

2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

June 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time

Virtual Meeting via Internet: <http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/HTGC2026>

Matters to be voted on include: 1) election of an independent director, 2) an advisory vote to approve the Company's named executive officer compensation, 3) an advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote to approve the Company's named executive officer compensation, 4) approval of the amendment and restatement of the Hercules Capital, Inc. Amended and Restated 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, 5) approval of the amendment and restatement of the Hercules Capital, Inc. 2018 Non-Employee Director Plan, and 6) ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2026.

About Hercules Capital, Inc.

Hercules Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC) is the leading and largest specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured venture growth loans to high-growth, innovative venture capital-backed companies in a broad variety of technology and life sciences industries. Since inception (December 2003), Hercules has committed more than \$27 billion to over 700 companies and is the lender of choice for entrepreneurs and venture capital firms seeking growth capital financing. Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact info@htgc.com or call 650.289.3060.

Hercules, through its wholly owned subsidiary business, Hercules Adviser LLC (the "Adviser Subsidiary"), also maintains an asset management business through which it manages investments for external parties ("Adviser Funds"). The Adviser Subsidiary is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Hercules' common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the ticker symbol "HTGC." In addition, Hercules has one retail bond issuance of 6.25% Notes due 2033 (NYSE: HCXY).

Additional Information

This communication may be deemed solicitation material in respect of the proposals described above (the “proposals”). In connection with the proposals, the Company has filed, and intends to file, relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Promptly after filing its definitive proxy statements with the SEC, the Company will mail the definitive proxy statements and proxy cards to each stockholder entitled to vote at the stockholder meetings relating to such matters. STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO), AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT THE COMPANY WILL FILE WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THESE MATERIALS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND THE PROPOSALS. The preliminary proxy statement, the definitive proxy statements and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by the Company with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website (<http://www.sec.gov>), at the Company’s website (<http://www.htgc.com>), or by writing to Hercules Capital, Inc. c/o Kiersten Zaza Botelho, Secretary, 31 St. James Avenue, Suite 1005, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116 (telephone number 617-314-9973).

The Company and its directors and officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company’s stockholders with respect to the proposals. Information about the Company’s directors and officers, as well as the identity of other potential participants, and their respective direct or indirect interests in such matters, by security holdings or otherwise, are set forth in the preliminary proxy statement and will be set forth in the definitive proxy statements and other materials to be filed with the SEC.

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