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# **Hercules Announces its Fourth Realized Warrant Gain in 2006**

## **Sale of Affinity Express Generates 30% IRR on Investment**

PALO ALTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NASDAQ: HTGC), a leading specialty finance company providing debt and equity growth capital to venture capital and private equity backed technology and life science companies, announced that the recent sale of Affinity Express, a previously rated grade 3 portfolio company, represents its fourth realized warrant gain in 2006. Hercules' debt investment has been fully repaid with the sale of the company, and Hercules expects to realize gross proceeds from its warrant and equity position of approximately \$744,000 upon release of escrow. The internal rate of return ("IRR") is expected to be excess of 30% of the total investment. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.:

Founded in December 2003, Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. is a NASDAQ traded specialty finance company providing debt and equity growth capital to technology-related companies at all stages of development. The Company primarily finances privately-held companies backed by leading venture capital and private equity firms and also may finance certain publicly-traded companies. Hercules' strategy is to evaluate and invest in a broad range of ventures active in technology and life science industries and to offer a full suite of growth capital products up and down the capital structure to prospective clients ranging from early-stage growth to expansion stage companies. The Company's investments are originated through its principal office located in Silicon Valley, as well as additional offices in the Boston, Boulder and Chicago areas. Providing capital to publicly-traded or privately-held companies backed by leading venture capital and private equity firms involves a high degree of credit risk and may result in potential losses of capital.

For more information, please visit [www.HerculesTech.com](http://www.HerculesTech.com), or [www.HTGC.com](http://www.HTGC.com). Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact [info@HTGC.com](mailto:info@HTGC.com), or call 650.289.3060.

About Affinity Express:

Affinity Express has produced competitively priced, high quality logo products--both apparel and hard goods--for almost 80 years. As a global leader in their industry, Affinity Express combines their world-leading screen art/embroidery digitizing operations and high-speed production facilities to serve their business-to-business clients. For more information please visit [www.affinityexpress.com](http://www.affinityexpress.com).

## 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 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 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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