

Hercules Provides \$5 Million in Debt Financing to CITTIO, a Provider of Innovative, Automated Network and Systems Monitoring Software

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Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NASDAQ:HTGC), a leading specialty finance company providing growth capital to venture capital- and private equity-backed technology and life science companies, today announced that on April 10, 2007, it provided \$5 million in debt financing to CITTIO, Inc., an automated network and systems monitoring software company.

CITTIO WatchTower(R), the company's flagship product, enables companies to increase IT productivity, efficiently manage distributed systems, reduce downtime and generate business value from the network. CITTIO WatchTower offers users the ability to monitor complex IT infrastructure from servers, routers and databases to point-of-sale systems and surveillance cameras by combining a platform-agnostic, web-based architecture with an automation stack for agent-free discovery, fingerprinting, monitoring, graphing, thresholding, alarms and notifications. Hummer Winblad Venture Partners and JK&B Capital are the leading investors in the company.

"As companies rely more heavily on large, complex networks, it becomes increasingly important to manage the performance and availability of their IT infrastructure," said Sam Bhaumik, senior managing director and head of the technology group at Hercules. "The existing and anticipated market demand, along with CITTIO's strong positioning, clearly distinguishes the company and made it a compelling financing decision for Hercules."

"CITTIO offers companies an alternative to the extensively complex and expensive network and systems monitoring software on the market today," said Jamie Lerner, president and chief executive officer of CITTIO. "With the growth capital from Hercules, we will expand our sales and marketing efforts for WatchTower as well as conduct additional research and development to accelerate future offerings."

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 and life science 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 <u>www.HTGC.com</u>. Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact <u>info@HTGC.com</u>, or call 650.289.3060.

About Cittio, Inc.:

CITTIO is an award-winning provider of innovative, automated network and systems monitoring software for companies with complex networks, distributed systems and wide varieties of network devices. CITTIO delivers fast, enterprise-class monitoring for the modern datacenter and network by automating the otherwise manual network discovery, configuration, and monitoring process with an agentless, 100 percent Java-based software platform. Customers include Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Hawaii, Capitol Advantage, DemandTec, Five Mile Capital, National Parks Conservation Association, Pacific Sunwear and the Gymboree Corporation. CITTIO is a private company headquartered in San Francisco and is venture-backed by JK&B Capital and Hummer Winblad Venture Partners. For more information, please visit www.cittio.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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