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## **Hercules Technology's Kathy Conte to be Featured Speaker on a Venture Panel for San Diego Venture Group**

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

Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NASDAQ:HTGC), the leading specialty finance company providing venture debt and equity to venture capital and private equity backed technology and life science companies at all stages of development, today announced that Kathy Conte, managing director of life sciences, will be a featured speaker on the San Diego Venture Group (SDVG) panel discussion titled, "Funding YOUR Campaign: Company Financing Alternatives in a Challenging Climate." The panel will be held on Wednesday, October 29, from 7-9 a.m. PT at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla.

Other featured speakers include two venture capitalists and the CFO of a venture-backed company. Each will give his or her perspective on raising or providing capital in difficult market environments as well as the benefits of alternative financing options for companies.

"It is important for companies to understand the financing alternatives available to them, particularly in light of the condition of today's financial market," said Ms. Conte. "Hercules is committed to helping our portfolio companies grow and to ensuring that each company understands the strategic value of alternative growth capital."

Founded in 1986, the SDVG is a non-profit organization based in San Diego, designed to bring together local professionals who are interested in new enterprise and the process of creating it. SDVG's mission is to provide a networking forum for entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and advisors in an informal atmosphere where human expertise can foster new ventures. SDVG hosts 10 monthly meetings every year, each featuring a panel discussion by cross-industry experts on a specific entrepreneurial topic.

About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.:

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. Founded in December 2003, the company primarily finances privately held companies backed by leading venture capital and private equity firms. Hercules invests in a broad range of ventures active in technology and life science industries and offers a full suite of growth capital products at all levels of the capital structure. The company is headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif. and has additional offices in the Boston, Boulder, San Diego, 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.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.

#### 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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